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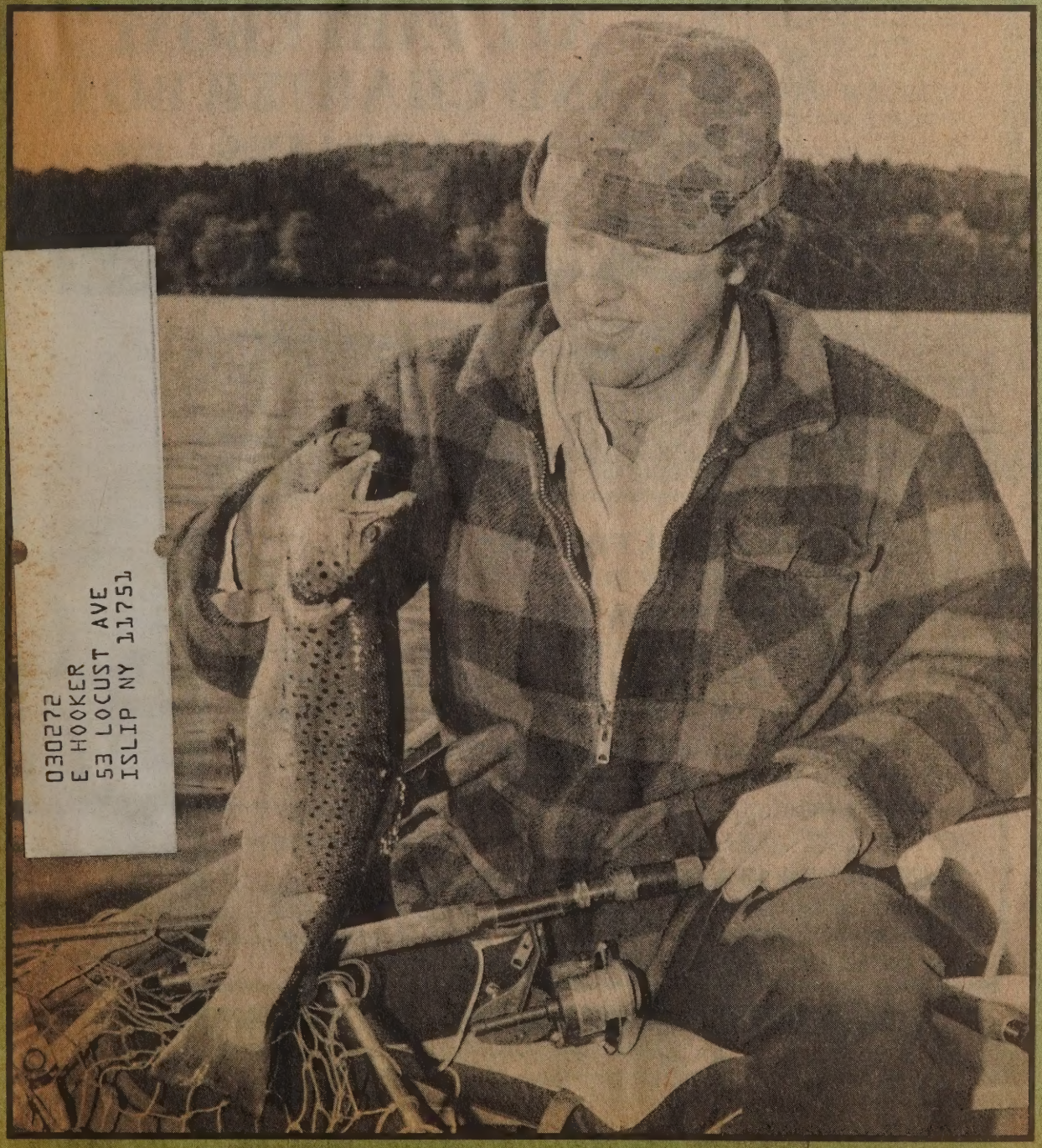

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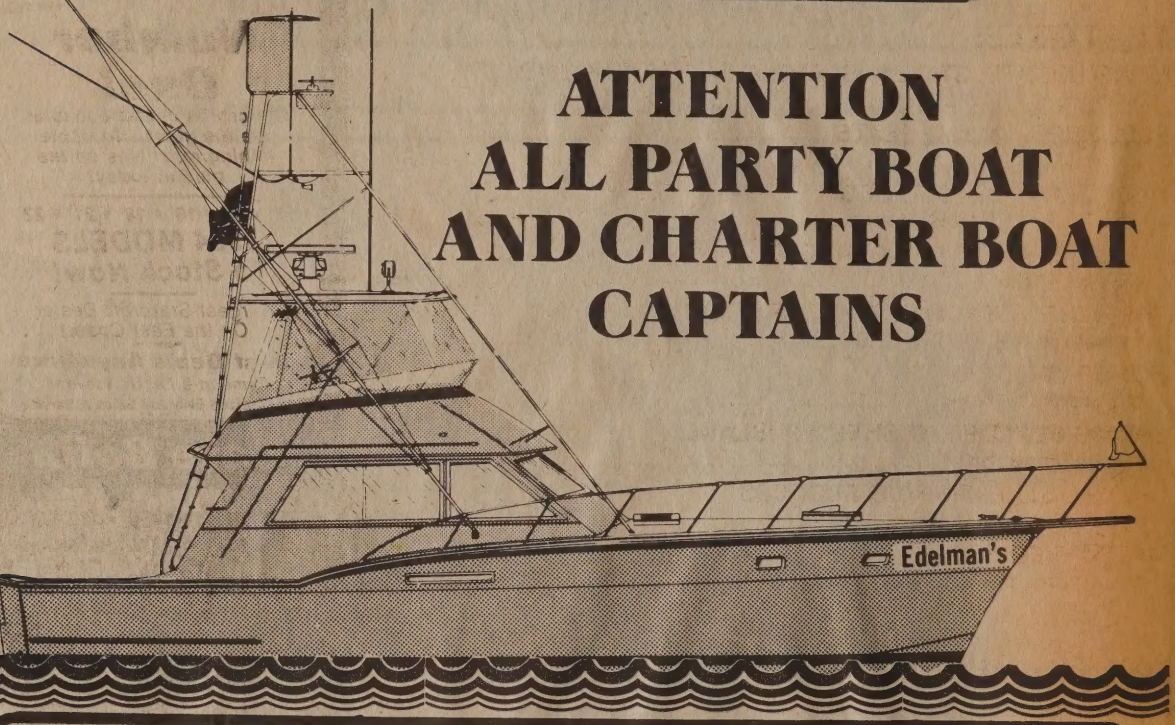

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So if you are serious about your fishing don't miss the World Record Fishing Clinic at 53 W. Montauk Hwy in Lindenhurst on April 12th, 13th and 14th from Noon to 8PM. For further information, call (516) 226-9030.

COOPERATION THE KEY TO VICTORY

Thomas Jefferson is credited with saying that the government that governs least, governs best. Here's a new phrase that's equally true: Government works best when it works together. For proof, you need only look at the recent developments in the drive to preserve the former Montauk Air Force Base.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of town, state and federal officials, the Federal General Services Administration has agreed to postpone the sale of the old air station land so that an environmental impact statement can be completed. Now that does not signal the end of the fight, but it does provide us with some much needed time to work toward a permanent solution.

Time had become the most crucial element in the Montauk case. Although Congress was still reviewing a bill I introduced to transfer the property to New York State as parkland, the General Services Administration continued with its plans to auction the 278-acre Montauk parcel.

Fearing the loss of valuable open space to development, elected officials from every level opposed the sale. We had a good reason. While the GSA's mission to generate revenues from surplus property is laudable, it failed to consider the land's value for public use. But the agency still went ahead with its February 8 auction, which turned out to be an official disappointment.

First, the high bid submitted by Joshua Sundance Inc. of New York amounted to only $1.9 million, far below the government's expectations. Secondly, a lawsuit filed by East Hampton Town and New York State blocked the GSA from finalizing the sale. Given the strong opposition to its plans, the GSA made a wise move in putting off a decision on the Montauk parcel until it completes a full environmental assessment. That gives us another nine months to a year.

That is good news, but I would have been happier if the agency had saved itself the trouble and accepted a proposal to swap the air base for 125 state-owned acres on Fire Island. The state would obtain a highly valuable and fragile section of Montauk while assisting the National Parks Service in completing its Fire Island National Seashore acquisition program. I do intend to use the study period to press for that swap.

There is another old saying on government that claims "you can't beat City Hall." With our efforts in Montauk, we proved that just isn't so.

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB HOLDS DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance held on March 24th at the Bellport Country Club was a big success. Chairman Joe Hernandez had the evening well planned.

The annual prizes were awarded along with the annual trophies. A special presentation, the Carl Dippel Memorial, was awarded to Neil Van Ginhoven. This award designates an individual club member for outstanding service during the past year. It is the only award that does not actually pertain to fishing. It acknowledges a member for having done the most for our club.

TOURNAMENT ANGLERS HOST ANNUAL BILLFISH & TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Anglers present the 5th Annual Billfish and Tuna Tournament on July 21st and 22nd, from the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, L.I. This tournament is open to all club and individual entries.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the heaviest blue marlin, white marlin, swordfish and tuna. Special recognition will be given for dolphin, true albacore, mako shark and wahoo. Trophies will be awarded to club entries.

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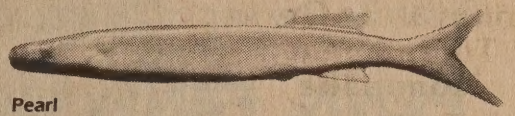

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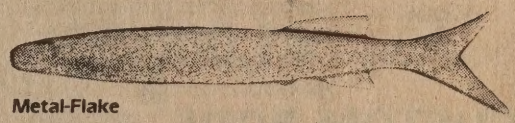

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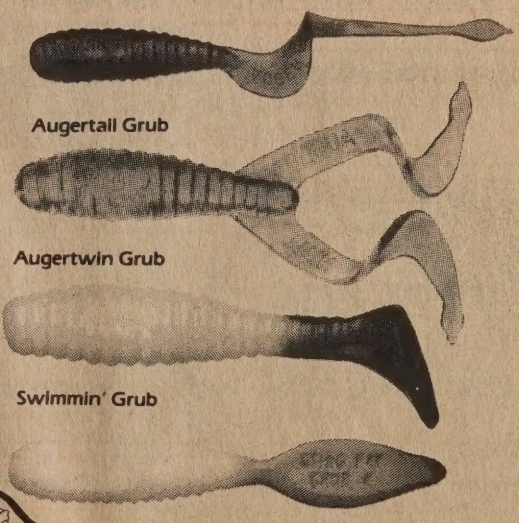

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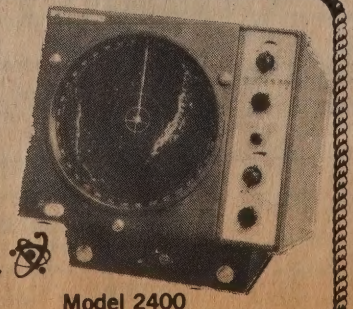

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The club is presently accepting applications for new membership. Come and join your fellow fishermen and hear a presentation on: "How to Catch World Record Fish on Light Tackle," by Charles Nappi, holder of three IGFA World Fluke Records.

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SQUAW ISLAND FISHING CLUB MAKO ROUNDUP

The Squaw Island Fishing Club is pleased to announce details of the S.I.F.C. Mako Roundup scheduled from Saturday, June 30, 1984 at 6AM through Sunday, July 29, 1984 at 6PM (30 days). The winner of the Mako Roundup will be the captain of an ENTERED boat weighing in the largest mako shark at Frank and Dick's Bait Station, Seganus Thatch So., State Boat Channel and Babylon Cut, Babylon, New York, Dick Schmidt, weighmaster. The prize for the winning captain will be a Penn International 50W, line and a matching custom built rod. To be eligible, a boat must be pre-registered for the Mako Roundup no later than Thursday, June 28, 1984. The entry fee for the boat will be $20 and must be paid with the entry application.

The Squaw Island Fishing Club also plans to sponsor monthly Rodeos in 1985. The Rodeos will start in May and continue through November, a different species and prize will be awarded each month. So plan for these events and watch for future announcements and schedules in our local bait and tackle shops, The Long Island Fisherman and the bulletin

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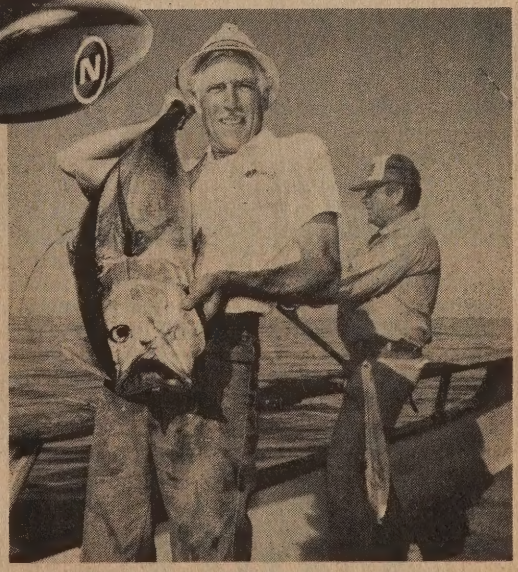

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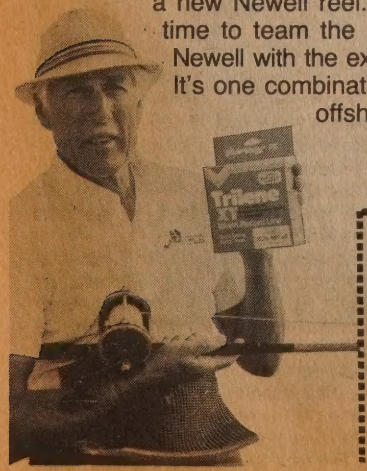

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M.C.A.'s FIFTH ANNUAL CHARITY SHARK TOURNEY

The Montauk Captains Association (M.C.A.) announces their fifth annual Charity Shark Tournament will be held on July 7 and 8. The Tournament site will be the new Captains Cove Marina on West Lake Drive in Montauk.

The basic rules of the Tournament will hold true: no sharks under 100 pounds will be weighed in and only one fish each day may be entered. All other fish must be tagged and released. A special prize will be awarded to the most noteworthy tagger, selected by biologist Jack Casey.

This very popular contest has to date donated more than $24,000 to charities and has awarded four scholarships to local students wishing to continue their education. The Tournament has provided the anglers beside the fishing adventure, a chance to win over $6,000 in cash plus many other valuable prizes each year.

This year will be bigger and better than ever, with more local interest and many manufacturers and retailers getting involved. As in the past, the M.C.A. makes no monetary profit from this endeavor, except for goodwill.

The Tournament site has been moved from Star Island Yacht Club to the Captain Cove Marina on West Lake Drive in Montauk this year. This new marina is cooperatively owned by many of the charter boat captains and serious fishermen and is geared to sport fishing. The marina will have multiple weigh-in stations and will afford a good view for spectators.

As in the past, several well-known outdoor writers will judge the contest and marine biologist Jack Casey and crew will be in attendance. It is shaping up to be a great tournament this year. With a limit of 125 boats, it would be prudent to register early to ensure a berth.

To obtain an application, write to: M.C.A. Tournament, P.O. Box 137, Montauk, N.Y. 11954; or call Capt. Fritz Riege, (516) 668-5162.

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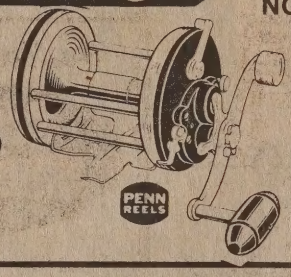

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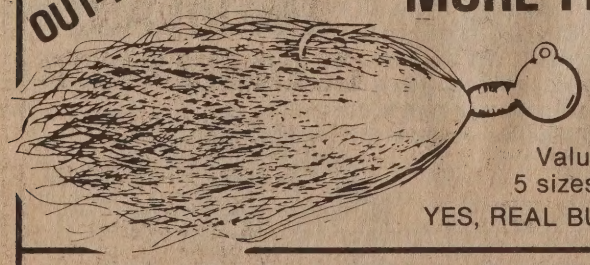

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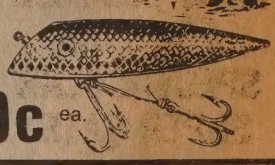

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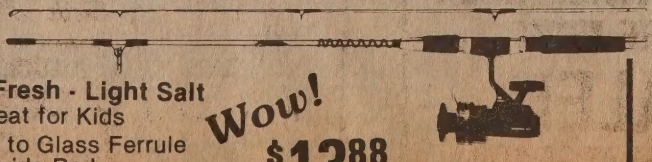

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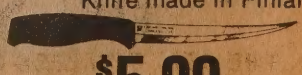

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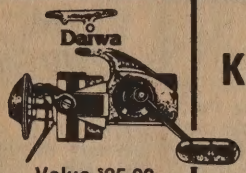

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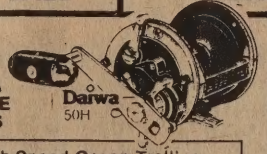

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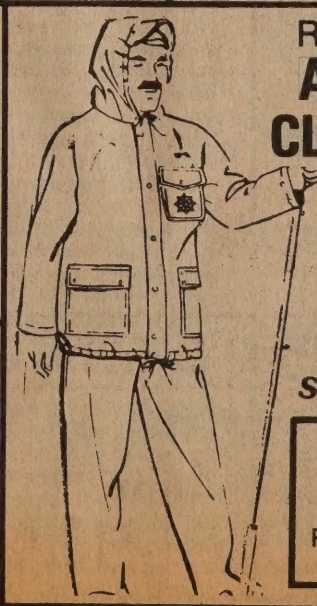

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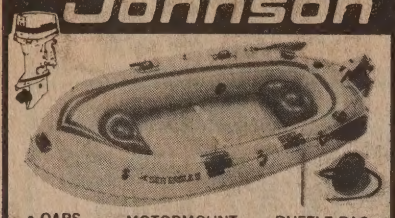

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It seems to me the 24 inch bass law is supported by people who catch bass larger than 24 inches or can't catch any at all, thereby sacrificing zero when they support a 24 inch law. Of course they are for a law that doesn't affect them.

I am a sport fisherman who catches bass less than 24 inches. Before the law went into effect, I could at least have a fish meal when I caught some fish. If you think the striped bass are as scarce as bald eagles, you aren't fishing in the right places, or don't know what to do. You probably won't print this one; it doesn't say what you like to hear. I subscribe to The Fisherman for years; why not represent all fishermen and be fair. Have a good day. *A. Seltzer.*

Sure, we'll print your letter. It has always been our policy to air all points of view. As a reader you are entitled to have your opinion expressed in Chum Lines.

As with all things, a person can choose to look at something from more than one point of view: a positive one or a negative one. No, the bass law was not passed by those who catch bass over 24 inches. There were two main reasons why it passed. First, the law was consistent with the five-year State/Federal Project guidelines. Second, in recent years fisheries biologists have gathered data to show how serious the bass decline had become. Thus, these biologists supported the bill to the Governor. Striped bass are indeed scarce compared to their normal stock size. However, it is possible to encounter schools of bass and they may be easy to catch. This has happened to me each season. However, even for the casual observer who has fished these waters for at least a decade and a half, it is clear that: 1) there aren't as many schools as there were; 2) the schools aren't as large; 3) one's yearly catch is less than it was; 4) one almost never finds schools working the south shore beaches with birds overhead in the fall; and 5) catches at places like Montauk and Cape Cod are way, way down. We are certain that the new law will cause difficulties for some, and that is regrettable. Perhaps if harvesters had been a little less greedy in the early 1970s, we wouldn't have to pay the piper now. Nonetheless, it is the opinion of most genuine experts that a drastic reduction in striped bass mortality is necessary NOW.

Thus, we offer the notion that we should try to be good soldiers now, in the hope that our restraint will bring about a glorious abundance in the future. We need to give this law a chance. Up and down the coast, states are doing things to save bass. There is also a bill in Congress that would create a five-year moratorium. If that passes, there'll be no bass at all for five years. Our best bet seems to be to support the New York State law and give it a chance.

For those whose techniques favored small bass, why not try some new approaches for bigger ones. There's fun in learning new things as well as in catching big bass. How about live-lining bunker? Dr. W.A. Muller.

INFORMATION ON SURF FISHING AROUND FIRE ISLAND

I have just moved from Virginia to Long Island. The first thing I did was to subscribe to The Fisherman. Must say I have enjoyed it very much.

My question: I'm interested in surf fishing and pier fishing around Fire Island Inlet. Do you know of any charts or books which would cover this area? *Wm. McCready.*

First, we publish at least one surf article each week in The Fisherman. These articles cover how-to, where-to, species information, seasonal coverage, equipment, locales, and other topics.

In addition, we've just published a new book Surf Fishing with the Experts. *This book has chapters in which Fire Island opportunities are discussed. See ad in this week's issues for details on the book and how to order.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

ARE FISH SAFE FROM JAMAICA BAY?

I just finished reading the fine article, "In the Shadow of Floyd Bennett Field," by Salvatore Agliano in the March, 1984 edition of The Fisherman. I got all excited because this is close to home for me and would provide the type of sport fishing that I enjoy.

However, I recently read an article, within the past week, in The Daily News, about pollution again in Jamaica Bay. Please tell me just how safe it is to eat fish caught in the Jamaica Bay area? I'm sure other fishermen besides myself would like to know.

Thank you for your response. I read The Fisherman every week and I admire the dedication of all of you who work there. Your fellow fisherman, *Larry Adams.*

The biggest pollution problem in Jamaica Bay is sewage, and even that is a lot better than it was decades ago. If there are sections where toxic chemical concentrations are high (and we have no evidence that such places exist), it probably wouldn't affect the fish. Fish are always on the move. The Hudson is different, where fish may winter-over and spend the first year or so of life. Fish tend not to be affected by sewage, and they are

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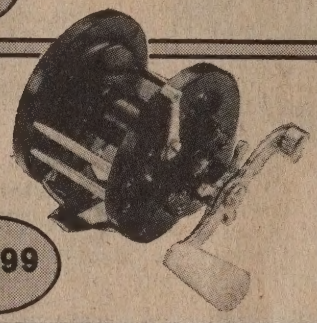

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DISPOSING OF MOTOR OIL

Dear Sir:

At a recent get-together, the conversation turned to auto maintenance. When I asked the group what they did with their waste motor oil, I was surprised at the answers I received. Almost 80 percent of the group either threw it in the trash, dumped it into the sewer or poured it into the ground. Only one other person besides myself knew that gas stations are REQUIRED by law to accept your waste motor oil. Not only are they killing the fish, they are killing us all. It is a very simple matter to save your wife's empty Clorox jugs or empty anti-free containers and bring your oil to the gas station. Maybe if we all did our part the striped bass will return and the cancer rate in New York won't be so high. *Joe Sapienza.*

SUGGESTIONS

I recently purchased your book, "Fishing for Flounder." It was informative and easily understood by any fisherman, expert or novice. I'm sure I'll read it again and again during the next hundred flounder seasons.

The only disappointing feature was that the "hotspot" maps started at the Fire Island Inlet. My buddies and I fish the area in Reynolds Channel from the Long Beach Bridge, then east past Jones Inlet up to the east side of the Meadowbrook Bridge and also several of the creeks and back bays. I have many of my favorite "flounder holes," however, on a given day even these spots can come up empty. I know you mentioned the sides of Jones Inlet in your narrative but I feel you should have included a map of this heavily fished area in your book.

I mentioned this to Fred Golofaro when I went to the Outdoor Exposition at the Coliseum and he suggested that I write to you. Perhaps with your connections and experience you could compile a map for us West-Enders.

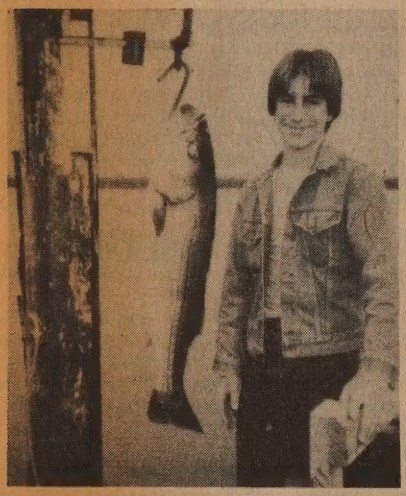
Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this matter. *Jim Ramputi.*

The criticism is well taken. However, let me explain our reasoning. At the time the book was written, there was quite a bit of coverage for flounder fishing in western regions, but it was meager to the east and in Long Island Sound. To include a map for every spot would have meant a book three

times the size and three times the price. Therefore, we decided to concentrate on eastern areas. To this day, LIF publishes articles each spring and fall with area maps from the Verrazano Bridge to Jamaica Bay to Reynolds Channel. Local newspapers also give these areas a big play. Then, too, many liveries and bait and tackle dealers hand out maps with "Xs" galore.

My suggestion would be to keep an eye out in LIF for maps in spring issues and ask your local bait and tackle dealers if they have any. When and if we revise the book, we'll include maps of western areas because the demographics of flounder fishing have changed in the last eight years.

Thanks for the suggestion. Dr. W.A. Muller.



THANKS FOR THE EXPERIENCE

Dear Sirs:

This is a letter about how great a sport surf fishing is and how lucky I was getting involved. I was always interested in surf fishing an about how people cach bass 50 pounds and over every year. I surf fish on the North Shore and catch blues and bass up to four pounds and think it's great, but I just kept thinking about the huge bass and blues caught on the South Shore. I kept hoping for a way to start fishing for those lunker fish. Then, this summer, I started surf fishing on the South Shore with someone I got to know recently. He took me to The Long Island Fisherman's Surf Seminar and places where I could learn about surf fishing. I was looking forward to the fall run all summer long. It finally came, and I couldn't believe what we started catching. Gus caught five bass from 7 to 37 pounds and blues up to 17 pounds. It's a good thing I started fishing with him because I caught five bass also, from 5 to 37 pounds and blues up to 17 pounds. In fact, we caught a pair of 37 pound striped bass. I owe everything to him, and without him, I probably wouldn't have caught anything of size again. This is my way of telling him how much I appreciate what he's done for me and to say thanks very much, Gus. Sincerely, *George Cooke.*

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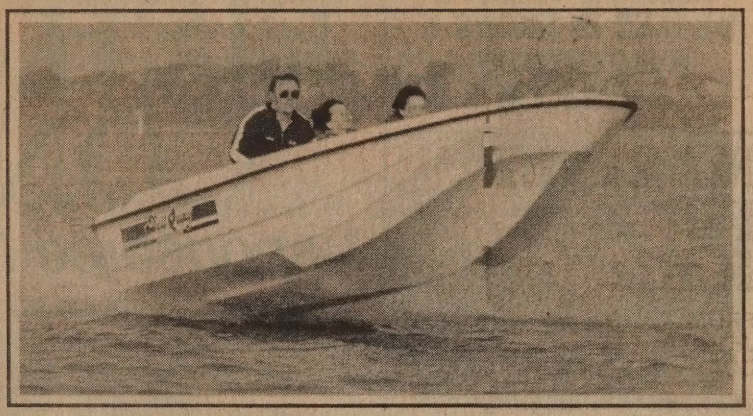

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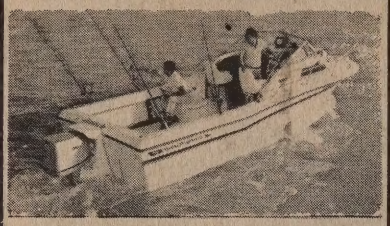

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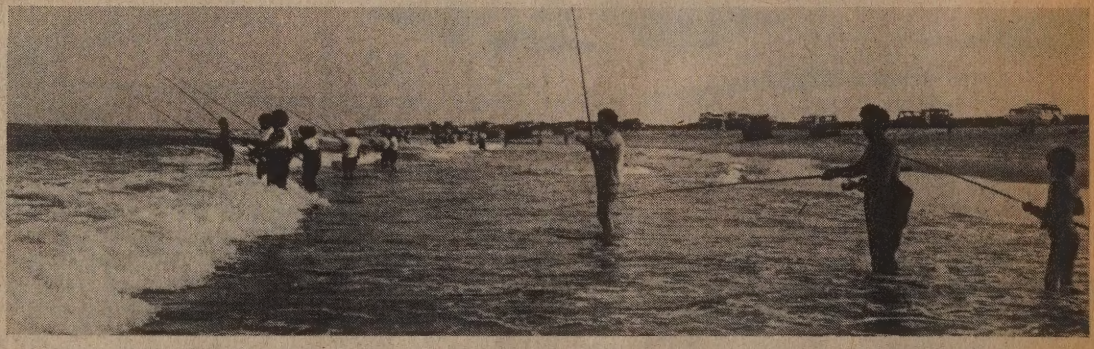

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STATEN ISLAND A BATTLE GROUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MARINE ISSUES

by William A. Muller

Lou Figurelli, President of the Natural Resources Protective Association of Staten Island, Inc., is recognized as an active and potent protector of the western marine environment. Last fall, the N.R.P.A. announced it won a lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to stop dumping in the area that was a potential hazard to fish, shellfish, the habitats, and recreational quality. However, Lou Figurelli doesn't rest on the laurels of a victory.

There are too many important causes to rest content with a given victory against environmental abuse. Mr. Figurelli cites the present high quality of recreational fishing in the area in spite of a long history of sewage pollution as evidence of the vitality of these habits. Boats leaving a variety of marinas ply the lower reaches of the Hudson River, the estuary around Liberty Island and Staten Island, as well as the near ocean, New York Bight, for a vast array of species. These include fluke, flounder, bluefish, blackfish, sea bass, whiting, ling, striped bass, and weakfish. The beaches around Staten Island also produce impressive catches for surf fishermen. Key to the surf fishing interest in the area is plug fishing for bass, weaks, and blues as well as live lining bunker and snappers for very large specimens.

The N.R.P.A. was established about 15 years ago with several very important and yet simple goals in mind. Even the most casual historian can say with certainty that the organization has been consistent to its goals and has an impressive record of accomplishment. Mr. Figurelli and the N.R.P.A. don't shrink away from a legitimate cause, no matter how big either the cause or the agency it must confront. While others may be hesitant to take on a Goliath, the N.R.P.A. never has, whether the giant is the State of New York, the Federal Government, the Army Corps of Engineers, or the DEC. The goals of the organization comprise its creed. Simply, to do everything to protect the natural resources of the area and encourage their reasonable use, and to educate both the members of the organization and the community about sound environmental management.

Lou Figurelli, left, discusses an environmental issue with Congressman Guy Molinari.

The latest fight of the N.R.P.A. is to convince the Department of the Interior to include several Staten Island beaches into Gateway National Parks. Recently, Mr. William P. Clark, Secretary of the Interior, determined not to include the beaches of South Beach, Midland Beach, and Fort Wadsworth into the national park system. The Secretary determined not to include the three beaches "because the flow of polluted water from the Hudson River makes these beaches unacceptable for swimming and recreational use," according to Congressman Guy Molinari who has publicly opposed the Secretary's position and reasons.

In opposing the Secretary's position, Mr. Figurelli cites data from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, New York and New Jersey conservation departments, and several qualified marine biologists who insist that water quality around these beaches has improved dramatically in the past few years. Lou points especially to a 1982 report from the New York City Department of Health that supports his position. In one section of the report referring to Staten Island, the report states, "On the whole this year's results in Staten Island were extremely good."

According to Mr. Figurelli, "The acquisition of Midland Beach, South Beach, and Fort Wadsworth into the National Gateway Park System will be beneficial to both the Federal government and to New York State. Staten Island is one of the few areas which is being carefully developed to preserve our beaches and wildlife areas." The N.R.P.A. cites three examples of how the State of New York, the City of New York, and the Federal Government have taken steps to minimize potential pollution hazard and damage from raw sewage, garbage, and dredge spoils. Mr. Figurelli goes on to argue that, "...this area needs the additional protection afforded by the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the laws of Federal Parks. We are not just talking, we are acting on facts and ongoing research and studies."

If you have an interest in this issue, you can contact Mr. Figurelli at: N.R.P.A., Box 306 Staten Island, New York 10308.

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FLOUNDER ON THE FLATS

by Fred Golofaro

April's south shore floundering is marked by plenty of shallow water action.

Though I've done more than my share to encourage unsuspecting, winter-weary anglers to venture out in February and March in search of flatfish fillets, there is another slant to this flounder game which many more anglers find easier to embrace. As the shallows of our south shore bays begin to warm to longer days, flounder leave the deeper holes and channels for shallower haunts. It is here on these flats that rising water temperatures play host to hordes of flatties through much of April. The precise movement of the fish will vary from year to year based on the whimsical nature of early spring weather. Barring any extremes, the shallows are usually producing by the first or second week of April and will remain productive until waters become too warm. In Great South Bay, the return to cooler depths frequently takes place sometime in early May.

There are a couple of aspects about this skinny water floundering which are particularly appealing. First and foremost is that your lightest spinning or baitcasting rods can be used along with the lightest of sinkers. You will find most of your best fishing concentrated in the four to eight foot depths which, under the right conditions, has allowed me to drop down to half ounce bass sinkers on numerous occasions. The light, sensitive rod and terminal gear provide sensitivity to even the most gentle nibble, along with allowing the fish to give a good accounting of themselves.

Another appealing, as well as unique aspect to this April fishing, is that on days with good water clarity, you can often watch the activity of flatties beneath your boat. Watching any species in its natural environment is as much a treat as it is an education and if you've never had the opportunity, you're in for a thrill. The four to five foot depths of both Moriches and

Circled area indicates "Heckscher Flats."

Great South Bay play host to such scenarios when winds stay calm long enough to provide the required water clarity.

These shallow flats also allow some deviation from flounder tactics normally used in deeper waters. A chum pot is not really essential though it can never hurt to have one aboard. Instead, I prefer to spread the chum around the boat when working these shallows.

Also, stirring the bottom with a plumber's helper or preferably, clam tongs, is a simple task on the flats and will add immeasurably to your score.

In the bait and chum department, fresh clams, either skimmers or chowders, lead the way when the flatties are settled on the flats. This is based on my own experiences over the years as well as those of several pretty sharp Captree open boat skippers. Also, I've often found that bigger flatties show a fondness for fresh clam bait. Sprinkling in some corn in addition to your clam chum will increase the appeal of your chum line as well.

As in all flounder fishing, but particularly here in the shallows where visibility is a factor, stay away from gaudy and cumbersome terminal gear. Spreaders have only one place in my book and that's in the garbage!

Everyone, I'm sure, has heard or read of the "Heckscher Flats" at one time or another. This expanse of Great South Bay gets a good play from the Captree open boat fleet and is within a long cast from the superb state launching ramp at Heckscher State Park. While the term flats is defined rather loosely, more specifically we are speaking of the four to seven foot depths which are bordered by North Channel to the north, the shallows which fringe East Fire Island to the south, East Channel to the east and West Channel to the west. This encompasses a pretty good size piece of water, but you can narrow down the area by looking for groups of clammers. Not only will you be over the right bottom, but by anchoring down-tide from the area they are working, you can benefit from their natural chum slick as well. They are also a good source of bait if you have a difficult time finding fresh clams. A bucket full of chowders is usually easy to come by for a small fee.

In Moriches Bay, some of the best "flats fishing" year in and year out occurs in the abundant four to six foot depths south of Haven's Point. This spot is a favorite of the many rental boats which leave from the half dozen or so fishing stations in the area. Also, it is worth noting that the flatties here tend to remain in the shallows for a longer period of time than do their cousins to the west and good fishing frequently lasts well into May.

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Part Two—*by Carl Buxbaum*

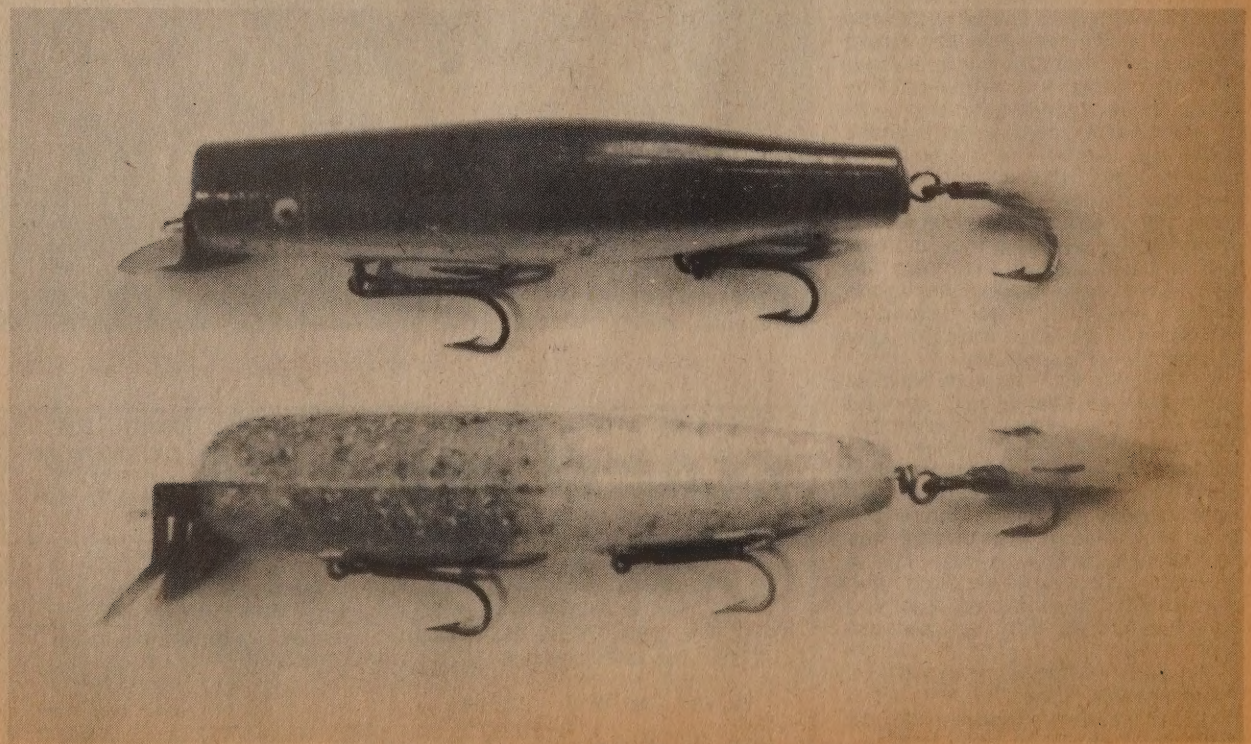
In the first part of this article some basic guidelines for selecting plugs and matching them to various fishing situations were discussed. Here the specific characteristics of plugs that are generally attainable in this region will be examined.

To cope with the confusing array of plugs on the market, the surfcaster's arsenal may be divided into four sections: the minnow type swimming plugs, the metal lipped swimmers, the wooden casting plugs, and the do-nothing or actionless plugs. The minnow type swimmers are probably the most popular for a couple of reasons. They are very widely distributed, hence easy to buy, and are good-looking and realistic enough to consistently catch both fishermen and fish, freshwater or salt, around the world. Their proven record inspires so much confidence that they remain the first choice of experienced anglers whenever conditions permit their use. Sometimes they even get fish under conditions that make their use appear hopeless. Last June a fellow took a cow striper under the light at Montauk on a 5½ inch jointed Rebel. The casting distance normally required there and the water turbulence suggested that such an effort was simply foolish. No other plug, however, produced fish that night. Nearly every surfcaster should have an assortment of these minnow swimmers in the 4, 5½ and 6 or 7 inch sizes. If the fisherman had to choose only one color of each, he would probably do best with silver or chrome having a blue or black back. A more extensive arsenal would include a dark colored one for dark nights and a very light one for bright conditions in each size.

RedFins and Rebels seem to be the most widely used of these swimmers, probably because they are relatively inexpensive and easy to find. Both are plastic and, at first glance, look alike. On close inspection, though, an important difference is revealed. The action inducing lips are both steeply angled but that of the RedFin is a bit longer and broader. While both run close to the surface, therefore, the RedFin will have more action. It is probably the most violently swimming of the minnow plugs and a good choice for slowly moving water.

The lips on the original Rapala minnows are slightly broader than those of the Rebels, but the action seems to be about the same. The silhouette of the Rapala is a bit slimmer. Sometimes this factor makes a critical difference. Last November my son, Marc and I ran into a pack of schoolie stripers on a feeding binge. The Rapala produced fish on seven consecutive casts, and a variety of similar plugs tossed by other casters did not do half as well. I had a similar experience with big weakfish during the summer. Perhaps the finish helped. Rapalas are top quality, balsa plugs that are very realistic in appearance. They are durable, with sturdy hooks and very expensive.

About a year ago the new Rapala magnum series began showing up in tackle shops, and except for the absurd price, these plugs should gain the interest of surfcasters. They come with large, strong hooks and split rings that stand up nicely to saltwater and big fish. Because they are heavy, relative to size, they cast well. This is an especially welcome characteristic



Metal lipped swimmers. Top: Danny; Bottom: Atom Jr.

in the 4½ inch size. The large lips extend forward of the plugs, at a gentle slope and are cupped in shape. As a result they run deep, with lots of action and dig into moderately rough seas. Their silhouettes, however, are a bit too rotound to pass for sand eels in the eyes of fussy predators.

Also imported from Finland are the Nils Master's minnows. Made of balsa wood and well finished, they give the impression of top quality but the original split rings should be replaced by ones that rust less readily. They are fairly heavy. The five inch size weighs about an ounce and casts very well. The lips are short and disc shaped, resulting in a delicate action. They dive deep quickly because of the lips' gradual slope and the bodies' slight banana shape. They are a favorite for bottom bumping in fast moving water.

Until recently, the Hellcat and Bomber minnows were nearly exclusively freshwater plugs. Now they are impressing the surf fishing clan. The Hellcat has a small, steeply sloped lip causing it to run shallow with modest action—a good choice in a fast moving tide. It has been lethal during the past couple of years. This may be due to its thin silhouette at a time when sand eels are the predominant forage as well as to its action. It comes equipped with good hooks, and the finish stands up well compared to other plastic plugs. Flimsy split rings, however, betray its freshwater origins.

The Bombers are probably the toughest and most finely finished of the plastics. They take a lot of abuse and, in most colors, have a uniquely realistic appearance. The freshwater background is revealed by almost instant rusting of otherwise beefy split rings. The six inch and larger models are heavy and cast well without loading or modification. The action is modest because of the relatively small lip. The lip's gentle slope and the banana shape of the body will get these plugs down and help them hold in turbulent rips. I have seen them out-perform loaded RedFins fished side by side. Bombers are weighted with rattling ball bearings. Presumably the noise attracts fish, but this point is highly debatable.

There are a number of other minnow swimmers available. More of them may be expected to migrate from exclusively freshwater use to the surf as casters experiment. There are simply too many to review here but keep your eyes and ears open for news on Bagley's Bang-O-Lure and other sand eel look alikes being tested by local casters.

Most of the plugs mentioned are available in both sinking and jointed models. The sinking models, because of their extra weight, will cast further. If the tide is moving fairly well and the retrieve is begun the instant the plug hits water, sinkers can be used with nearly the same effect as floaters

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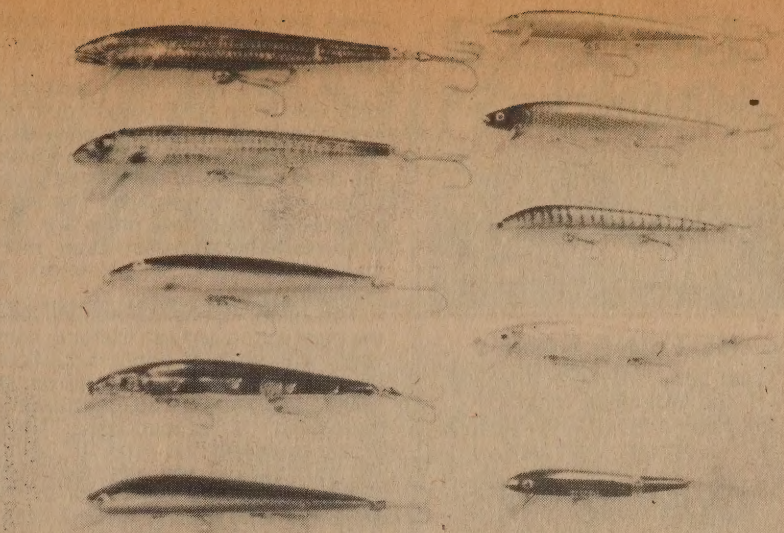
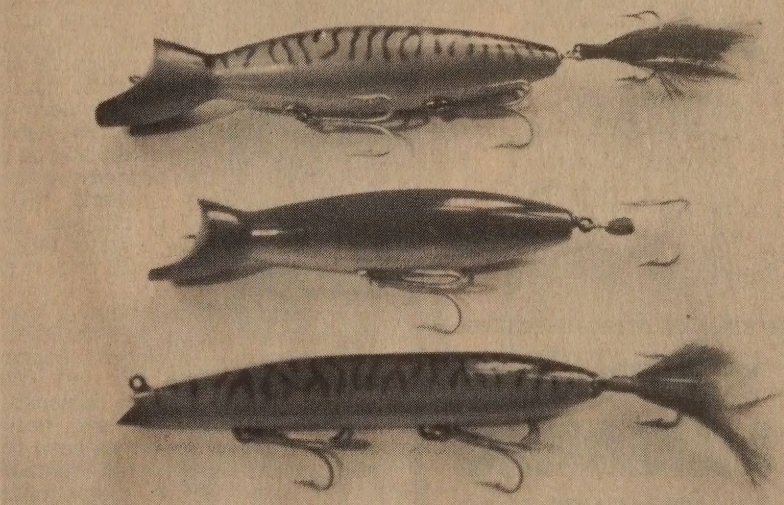
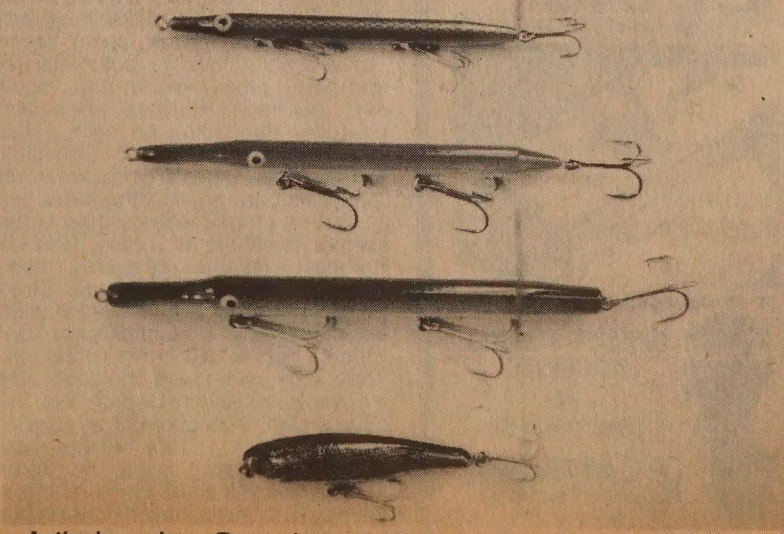


Minnow type swimmers. Top to bottom on left: Rebel, RedFin, Rapala Magnum, Bomber and Nils Master. Right: Rapala original, Hellcat, Bang-O-Lure, jointed Rebel and jointed RedFin.



Wooden casting plugs. Top to bottom: 3 ounce bottle plug, 2 ounce bottle plug, and 2½ ounce darter.



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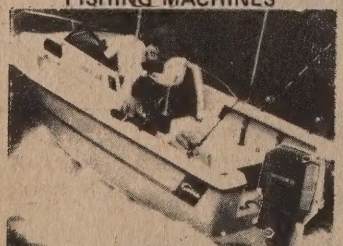
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The jointed versions are best on a slack tide when other plugs would not deliver enough movement on a slow retrieve. Even at rest, with no action, the drooping tails of the jointed plugs sometimes attract strikes. The main drawback is that these plugs are very wind-resistant and cast even more poorly than minnow swimmers in general.

The metal lipped swimmers have the most action and are useful in calm water with slack or gentle tidal flow. On a slow retrieve, they remain on the surface and waddle through the water leaving an "S" shaped wake. These plugs—primarily the Atom Jr., Atom 40, the Danny and the Goo Goo Eyes—have made their mark in the annals of surf fishing history. They have a reputation for taking cow stripers. In recent years their popularity seems to have declined—perhaps because of the preponderance of sand eels as forage. There is no way a fish could mistake one of these husky plugs for a sand eel. Also, they cast poorly. Even the heavy versions are bulky and wind resistant. No matter how hard they are cast, they seem to stop short and drop to the water. Nevertheless, with bunker, snappers, or big mullet around as forage, a slow tide and no wind problems, metal lipped swimmers will often do the trick. Last fall I saw a caster take a striper of about 30 pounds on a huge sky blue Danny.

For casting ability, nothing competes with the specially balanced and aerodynamically designed wooden casting plugs. With the right rod, these plugs can be cast reasonably well into strong winds and heavy seas. The yellow darter has been the most consistent producer at Montauk. It will take fish in rough water wherever there is a strong tidal current. Without a strong tide, the darting action fails on a slow retrieve. Then it is best to switch to bottle plugs. These maintain a good swimming action in slow water and can bite into heavy seas. Yellow, again, seems the best color; but for both—darters and bottle plugs—white, blue, squid and mackerel finishes may also produce—depending on light conditions, water clarity, and prevailing forage. These plugs are best when the forage fish are big—in the fall.

Casting plugs made by Stan Gibbs seem to dominate this arena. They are the most available, are sturdy, nicely finished and expensive. Super Strike plugs entered the field a few years back making a fine impression and filling a gap or two in the Gibbs line. They, too, are well finished and expensive but even sturdier. Big fish have broken, straightened or crushed the hooks of my Gibbs darters more often than those made by Super Strike. This is a point worth noting to anyone who has lost as many fish that way as I have. Super Strike also makes a three ounce darter as compared to the largest Gibbs model at 2½ ounces. It casts further and will work better in very rough water. There is a big "But"—more hookups seem to be had on the slimmer Gibbs version. Super Strike also offers a color called snapper blue in both the darter and bottle plug. It is a much lighter shade than is available from Gibbs and really pays off when weakfish and bass are feeding on snappers or mullet. Linesider also produces a set of casting plugs, but these are hard to come by locally.

Do-nothing plugs, those lacking built-in action, have been around for some time. The Mirrolure minnow has no lip and depends on a twitching of the rod tip for action, as it swings in a fast moving tide. Most casters, however, seemed to have little confidence in an actionless plug until recently. The Needlefish plug has changed all that by being an incredible fish-getter, It is simply a thin stick with an eyelet to attach a line, and hooks. It works best in fast moving water. But surprisingly, it does so with a slow, steady retrieve—no action except for the wake. The lethal performance of the Needlefish is probably due more to its silhouette than lack of action. Its clone-like representation of the large sand eels present in the fall surf for the last few years may be the key factor.

Different versions have been made by Boone, Linesider, and Classic Lures. The Boone Needlefish is very nicely finished but the construction seems best suited for small fish and freshwater. The hook hangers are likely to give way in the jaws of big fish. By comparison, the Linesider and Classic models are crudely finished but sturdier. The word is out that Super Strike has put a well finished, tough, wire-through construction version on the market. It also casts better than the others. Availability of the Needlefish has been a serious problem, and only the Classic version seemed attainable last season.

Availability always becomes a problem when a new "hot" plug is discovered. Therefore, now is the time to think about which plugs belong in your collection based upon the sort of fishing situations you are most likely to encounter. You will, in that way, have time to round out the arsenal before supplies dwindle at the peak of the season.

Now is also the time to think about experimenting. Experiments, too, should be based on conditional probability. I, for example, would like to have a plug that presents a silhouette similar to that of the Needlefish, but with built-in action for slower moving water. Rummaging through my freshwater tackle box, I found an old, very slender, six inch Rapala. The split rings have now been replaced with heavy duty ones of stainless steel. To them I attached 4X strong Eagle Claw hooks. I have a hunch this plug will out-perform the Needlefish in all but very fast water and can't wait to try it.

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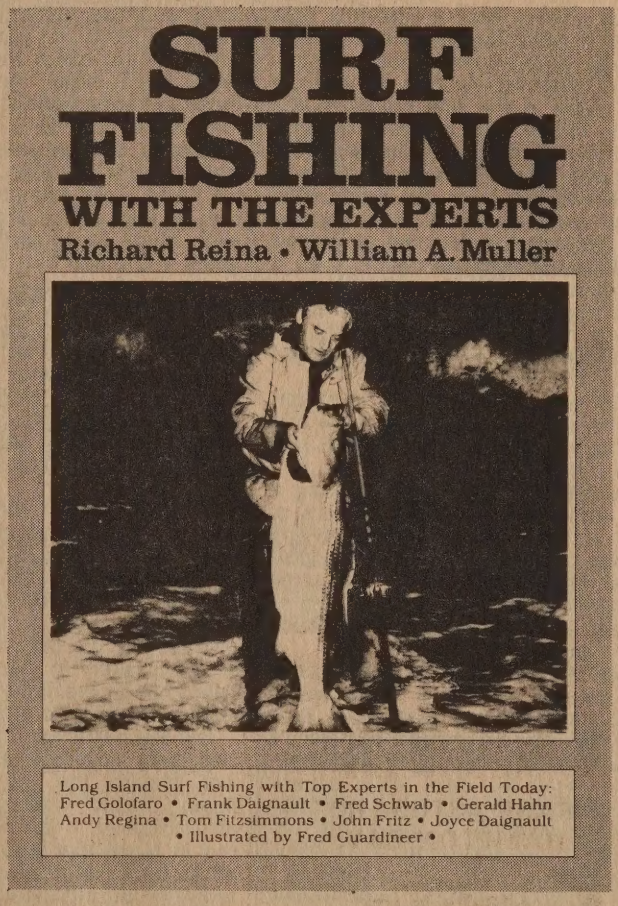
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A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

by Matt Ahern

I read a party boat article this past winter in which the author stated he is having a difficult time finding experienced fishermen willing to instruct the novice in the fine points of the game. It was this author's thought that the majority of veteran fishermen no longer seem interested in their fellow anglers. I put the disgruntled scribe down as one of those fellows who, on occasion, become victims of circumstances beyond their control. I have always been aware there was a percentage of fishermen who cared not one whit how the beginner at our game fared—but the majority? Never! I just didn't believe it.

That was my thought upon finishing the article, and I put it aside and promptly forgot about it. All well and good.

But lately I have been receiving a fine crop of letters from readers of these articles and stories and—lo and behold, among them appear occasional comments making the same indictments. Now I am beginning to wonder if I'm getting out of touch with things.

I say this because it is indeed difficult for me to believe there would come a day when expert party boat fishermen would refuse a novice's request for aid—bidden or unbidden. I well recall the days when experienced fishermen went out of their way to help, when if it wasn't the unwritten law, it was certainly the next thing to it.

I'll tell you truthfully, I don't know what I would have done during my early fishing years if it hadn't been for the many compassionate fishermen who frequented party boats those days. Eventually, of course, I would have learned, but there would have been something lacking, something that gave me the fine points of the game in a way I would never have discovered on my own. At the time, some of those methods shared with me went back 50 years or more—which would make them at least a century old today. And, of course, those same methods still work today. Fish do not change—only fishermen.

I recall one old-timer particularly well, though the years have dimmed his name. I do remember, however, that he was well along in years and kept much to himself. A loner, I guess you'd call him today. I'd seen him just about every time I fished aboard the old White Eagle (Capt. Connie Rank—anyone still remember?) out of Canarsie—always, as I say, by himself. Never friendly in the true sense of the word; if I spoke to him he would reply in a courteous manner, but would seldom go out of his way to begin a conversation on his own.

But one thing I did notice about him—he always caught fish, even when things were going real slow.

I was 15-years-old then and putting in my second codfishing season (1929). The winter before I had caught my first cod, but only after I had been actually taken in hand by another fisherman by the name of Big Red and taught the error of my ways.

But this particular time, however, it was early November and, as I say, I was aboard the old White Eagle fishing the old Kindergarten Grounds off Rockaway. I had never fished for cod in November and knew nothing about such things as proper bait presentation during the early part of the run. It had never occurred to me that cod might possibly prefer to feed differently from one month to another.

I remember the fishing that day was fair to middling—with the cod averaging about ten pounds. Each of the handful of fishermen had four to five cod apiece—except me. I didn't have one, and I was sure trying. A few ling and maybe a whiting or two were in the butter tub, but no cod. Time was passing much too fast, as it often does when fishing; in fact, we were already into early afternoon. What was I doing wrong? I had sense enough to realize the fault was mine alone—but what was it?

Just as I was about to give it up as not my day, the old-timer mentioned before moved in beside me.

"How come everyone has fish but you, kid?" he asked.

I shrugged my shoulders in resignation. "Beats me," I replied.

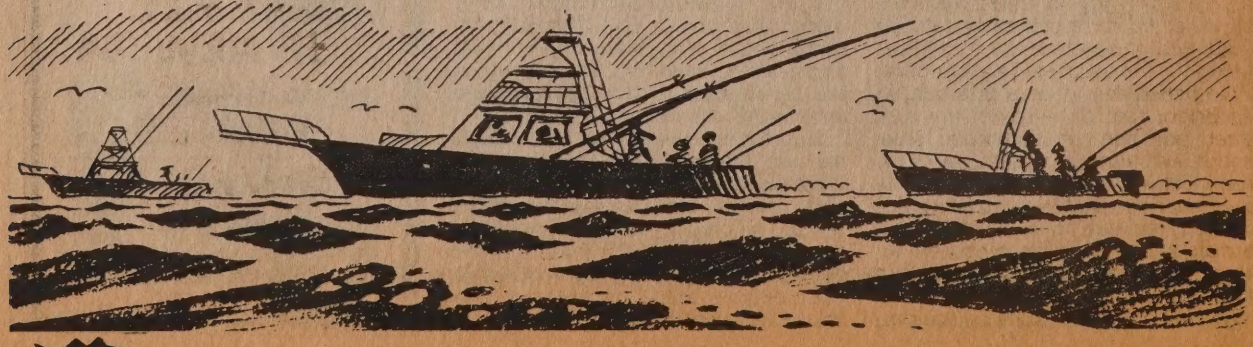
"Reel up. Let me see what you're doing."

I brought the rig up and showed him, knowing full well I was rigged properly and needed no help from him in that department—or so I thought.

"It figures," he said. "Kid, you're doing two things wrong. For one thing, change your skimmer bait. Never leave skimmer on more than fifteen minutes when you're not getting any action. It leaches out and loses flavor. Here—put on a fresh piece for starters." While I did that, he continued. "And lower that top hook. A hook three-and-a-half feet off bottom is much too high for this time of year. Bring it down to about eighteen inches above your sinker. That's it. Maybe you don't know it, but we're fishing open bottom here, and in early November—like now—cod swim close to the sand, feeding on crabs and such. They won't begin to chase bait until next month."

I'll tell you right now, I didn't believe a word of it—but I did as suggested out of respect for a fellow fisherman so willing to help. What could I lose? I wasn't catching fish anyway.

In that last hour of fishing I nailed three cod—and blame me if one wasn't the pool winner! Not much larger than the rest aboard, but



enough to do it. I remember I won two bucks (pools cost a quarter to enter those days). Fares were two bucks, but because I was a kid my fare was only one dollar, which meant an extra free trip for me at some future date. And not only that—I had also won my first pool.

I guess you know how I felt. I was a man among men that day. Kid-like, I gushed over my benefactor, but he would have none of it. On the return run, he opened up to me as much as such men do. He said that what he had shown me was common knowledge, taught to him by his father who had been a commercial cod setliner back in 1875 when he (my new-found friend) was about my age. I also remember receiving one of the best bits of fishing advice ever. "Study your fish," he said. "And study them well. You'll get nowhere if you don't."

Oh, would that we had such fishermen today!

We had "heroes" too in those days. Not the Superman type, of course, but real, honest-to-goodness fellows who cared about what happened to the little defenseless guy.

Which brings me to Aaron Feldman, whom I've written about before. Aaron was one of my boyhood chums during those rough and tumble days in Brooklyn. The Feldmans owned the neighborhood candy store and were the only Jewish folks there. Gentle, easy-going Aaron who took the teasing and taunts of cruel kids without a murmur of protest, wept rivers of unashamed tears when homeless dogs were injured or killed in the busy streets. To stone a cat in Aaron's sight meant a fight—and he didn't care how big you might be. Gentle Aaron. Champion of the defenseless. So thoroughly did he believe this, it cost him his life on Guadalcanal.

But anyway, as I say, Aaron was my friend, a year younger as I recall. We used to fish together during summer school vacation time, mostly from the Canarsie Pier for snappers and lafayettes, and such. After a time this fishing became too tame and we began to cast sheep's eyes at the party boats. I had already been aboard several of these and after listening to my stories, Aaron figured he'd like to give it a try.

So we saved our money and one Columbus Day morning we went blackfishing aboard the Pioneer II. For blackfish—of all things! Of the fish we could have picked to catch, I had unwittingly selected a party boat fishing for the toughest of all to deck.

We fished the inshore grounds off Sea Bright that day—I with my converted pool-cue rod and wood sidewinder reel, and Aaron with one of my droplines. As any experienced party boat fisherman will tell you, if you're not lucky enough to be in the exact spot along the rail when blackfishing, there's a good chance you'll return home fishless—or at least do poorly.

We had selected a place on the port side about midship and as luck would have it, the fishing gods smiled upon us. After he got the hang of things, Aaron began to drop some pretty decent-sized blackfish in our butter tub. But as I mentioned before, if you're not in the right spot for blackfish, forget it. And this is what happened to many of the passengers. Blackfish were only coming up in isolated spots along the rail, but Aaron and I must have been right over a large cluster of feeding blacks.

This led to much kidding among the luckless fishermen: how could they, experienced fishermen with all their expertise, allow two kids to beat them out blackfishing? It was sacrilege—that's what it was. And on and on, each good-natured fisherman enjoying the moment.

Some fishermen weren't too thrilled, though; but I didn't realize just how much until one big duffer shoved in alongside Aaron and growled at him to move out of his way so he could fish in our spot.

Well, Aaron probably figured that's the way it was done, and he began to wind in his dropline, preparing to move.

"Don't you move, Aaron," I said. "Tell him to go to hell!"

"Listen, you two squirts!" our wise guy yelled. "I'll throw you both overboard! Move!"

But Aaron felt he was on unsure ground.

"Aaron," I whispered. "There's a twelve ounce sinker in the tackle bag. It's on a piece of dropline. Bash him over the head with it."

Now easy-going Aaron only became more confused. Just when I was reaching for the sinker to commit a little Irish mayhem on my own, out of the blue—as they say—strode a lanky, raw-boned fisherman from the bow. He leaned across to our nasty blowhard. "I've been watching you, you #%&#!!!—....Get away from those kids!"

The guy, like all bullies, packed up, turned tail and lost himself among the fishermen in the stern. As best we could under the circumstances, we thanked our benefactor and offered some of our blackfish, but he refused, vowing dire deeds would befall our late rotten sport should he bother us again.

So ended an ugly incident. Minor, perhaps, but now that I've been hearing and reading discouraging reports, I wonder if there are still "heroes" and compassionate fishermen out there. I don't doubt that there are, but in these days of less and less personal involvement with our fellow man, it does indeed give one pause to wonder.

But this is the way it was in the old days on the fishing front and I find myself sore put to believe it is passing away. If we ever needed fishermen with so much pride in their sport that they feel duty-bound to help out the beginner, we need them now.

Remember—we all lose when fellow fishermen no longer care.

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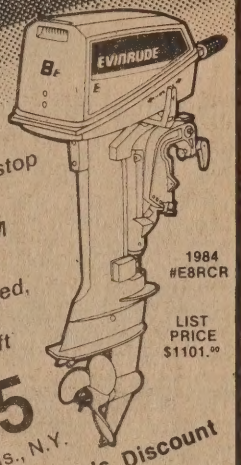

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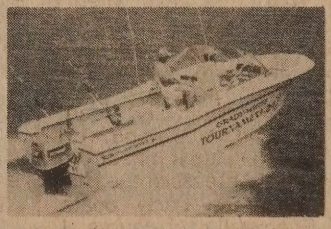

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THE JONES BEACH BOTTOM CROWD

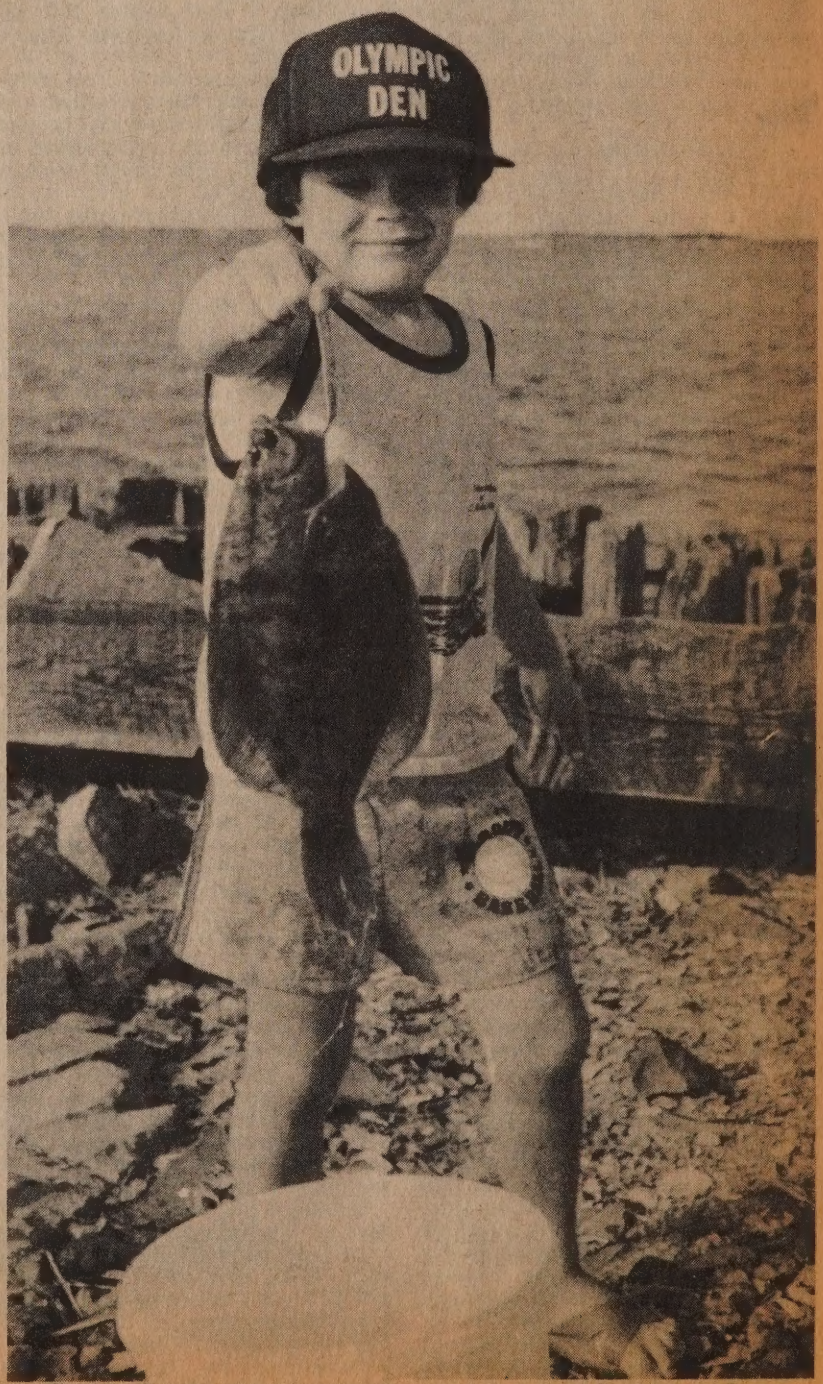
by Herb Buch

The last parking field at the West End of Jones Beach is a popular spot with surf men. It has many types of shoreline, and produces game fish of all varieties every year. Most of the people who fish it never realize that it also produces a lot of bottom fish for those who pursue them. Blackfish and flounder are the most abundant during their seasons, but fluke, porgies, sea bass, blowfish, sundials, sea robins, and bergalls are also around in greater or lesser quantity. You old-timers may look down on sundials, sea robins, and bergalls, but increasing numbers of anglers are accepting them as easily caught sources of good food. With food prices at present levels you should try them sometime before you condemn them. If you enjoy seafood, you will be pleasantly surprised. Remember that blowfish were also considered trash before they became popular.

Fishing for the bottom species takes place mainly in the area of the old construction dock, which is almost directly north of the parking field. Our procedure is to park at the far end of the parking field, in the corner farthest from the ocean beach. There is a road that comes in at this corner, which is mostly closed to traffic by the park personnel. Take your equipment and follow this road as it curves around until you are near the old wooden fence, where this road joins the main road. Now, look to your left and you will see a path of bare sand leading over the dunes. This will lead you directly to the dock. It is a short easy walk except for the couple of hundred feet necessary to cross the dunes.

The old dock is the favorite spot for blackfish, but good catches are also made from the broken rock shoreline a good distance to the east and a short way to the west. Blackfish love to forage on the organisms which grow or live around rocks. Mussels and crabs are always here, and so are the blacks, when the water temperature suits them. Since they prefer cool water, you can expect them during the spring and fall. There are no absolutes; but May, June, September, October, and November are the most likely times to try for them. Unusual weather conditions have brought them in as early as late March, or kept them around through July.

Tackle for blackfish should be sturdy. They dive for obstructions



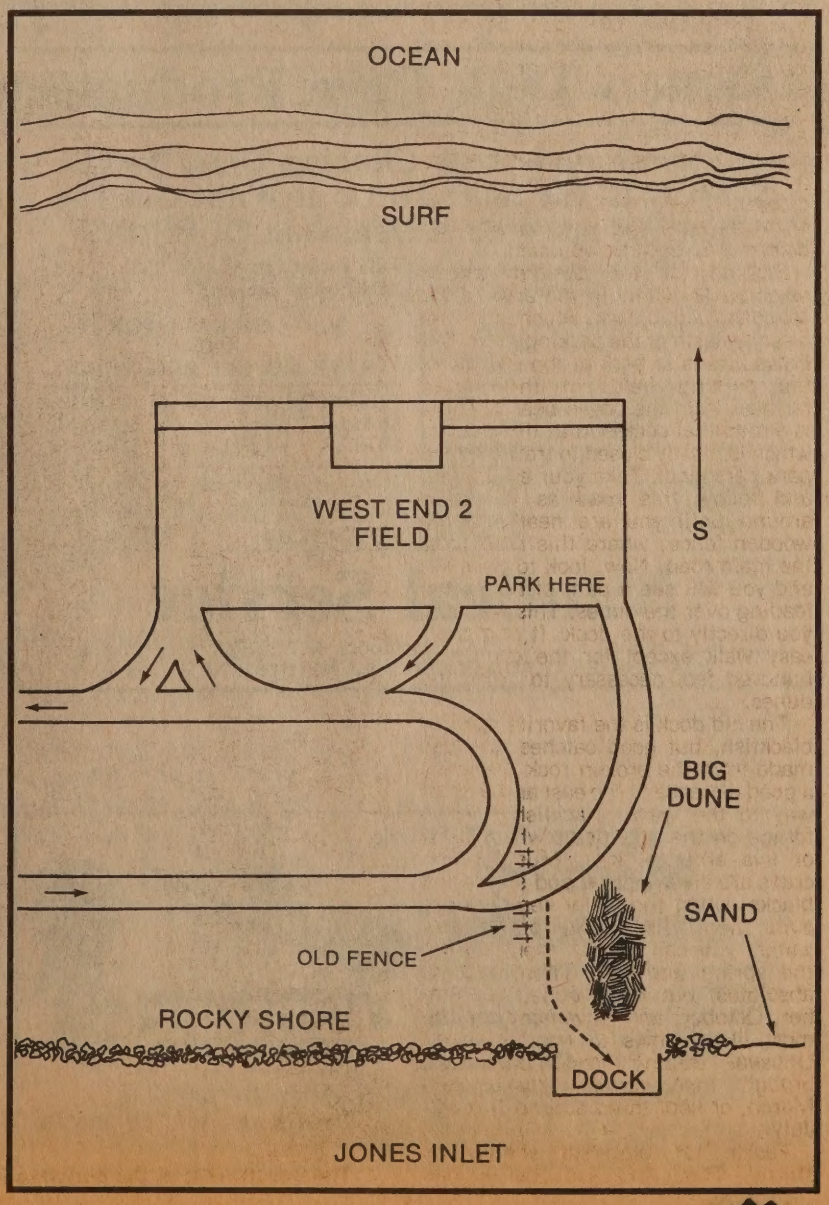
The beach west of the construction dock is a good flounder producer.

when hooked, so you need muscle to force them up away from the shelter before they can hang you up. Lines can be up to 30 or 40 pound test, because you do not have to cast very far. The major problem in all blackfishing is the number of rigs that you snag on the bottom. If there are no snags, there are usually no blackfish. The regulars here use one hook down near their weight. Size 6 Virginia is good because it will hook small fish, but have enough strength to hold big ones. To cut expenses, many of them snell their own hooks, and use old spark plugs, or the weights used to balance car wheels, as sinkers. It is worth your while to attach the sinker with a piece of mono that is weaker than your regular line. Then, when you snag bottom, you may be able to break off the sinker and save the hook and possibly a fish. Sinker weights vary with tidal currents, but you can usually get by with lighter weights during the change of tide period when fishing is best (2 to 4 ounces). The most favorable time to fish is from about an hour before high water at Jones Inlet to an hour or two after. At other times you must fish the sheltered water close to shore down current of the construction dock.

In general, the best catches are made on crab bait, either fiddlers or green crabs. During May last year there were several days when skimmer clam outproduced crabs by far. There are also times when sandworms pay off, but considering their price, and the usual abundance of bergalls, I wouldn't bother with them. Before I leave the blackfishing, I must report on an incident that happened last May. A man snagged bottom and was pumping his rod in an attempt to free his rig. His friends cautioned him to go easy, but he maintained that his road had horsed in 15 pound bluefish. He was a husky fellow, and he leaned back with all of his power. Suddenly, there was a loud crack and the rod snapped almost at the butt. He couldn't fish any more and he had to remain with his friends—a very sad, but wiser angler. If you snag (and you will), use a rag to protect your fingers and holding the line, back away from the edge of the water. There is no pressure on the rod this way and the line will usually break at one of the knots of your rig. Don't learn the hard way.

If you read catch reports in The Fisherman you know that the Coast Guard Station area produces a lot of flounder during the fishing year. The area you are fishing is a short walk from this same Coast Guard Station. Flounder are often present in good numbers. I hate to lose rigs when flounder fishing, although I accept the loss with the blacks. As a result, I usually do my flounder fishing to the west of the construction dock. On that side, the bottom is clear from about 50 feet to the left of the dock. In that area you can often catch flounder within 10 or 15 feet of the rocky shore. Lots of

The northeast corner of the dock is prime blackfish territory.



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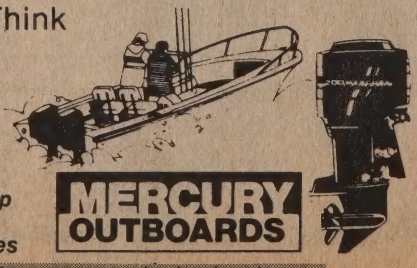

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flounder are also taken from the corners of the dock in slow current periods. Any flounder rig will serve and bloodworms are the most reliable bait, but sands and clams have their days. It pays to try a different bait on each hook to discover the preference of the day. Good flounder fishing in this area can occur any time from March to January. However, like most local shore fishing, it is not consistent. One day is great, the next day, same tide may be dead.

Porgies seem to be increasing in numbers, but not in size. They are big enough to eat, and fun to catch when they show up during summer and early fall. Worms are the best bait but they take most small baits if the hook is small enough to fit in their mouths. Choice of a hook would be about #6 Sproat or Claw, or a flounder hook will do.

Sea bass are more consistent than porgies. They make regular appearances either during the spring, fall or both. Crab baits used for blacks will also take sea bass. Once you know that they are around, try small strips of squid. They rarely weigh more than a pound here, but to this fish lover, they are worth cooking at any reasonable size.

Blowfish have been reappearing after their long absence. They are easy to catch on small hooks and bait. Long-shanked hooks like the Chestertown (flounder) are an advantage, because these fellows will chew right through your snell after taking the hook into their mouths. Worms and clams work well, but any small bait should take them.

Fluke fishing here, as elsewhere, is a game for specialists. There are often lots of them west of the dock, all the way out to the ocean. Some enthusiasts like to carry out a bucket of live killies and set out a few rods in spikes while they swim or loaf on the beach. Others work fish strips like a lure, along the bottom. You make the choice; summer is the time.

Everybody catches some sea robins, sundials or bergalls. If you do not appreciate them on the table, release them carefully, because they will give pleasure and food to someone else.

Even though you have to do a bit of walking to get there, the spot attracts a lot of fishermen. If you desire a specific spot on the dock such as one of the corners, you should plan on getting out early. If you bring children, do not let them go into the water because the channel, with its deep fast water, is right next to the beach at this point. Farther west, towards the ocean, the water is safer for wading and swimming, but not as good for fishing except for fluke. On your walk out stay on the road or path, because the birds nest in the dunes. If they come diving at you, it is because they want you to stay away from their nests. Waving your rod tip in the air should frighten them away. You really get close to nature at this spot and it is always interesting.

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

SEKORA UMBRELLAS, AS RIGGED FOR STRIPERS OR BLUES, TAKE POLLACK IF TROLLED DEEP ENOUGH LIKE 80 OR 90 FT...TO GET DOWN WITHOUT USING HUNDREDS OF YARDS OF WIRE LINE, *USE DOWNRIGGERS OR TROLLING DRAILS SEVERAL FEET IN FRONT OF UMBRELLA.*

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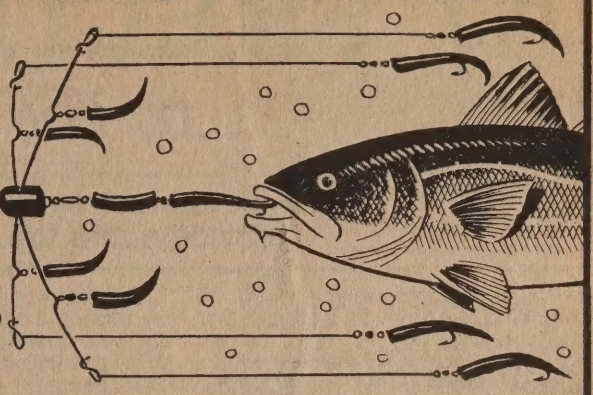
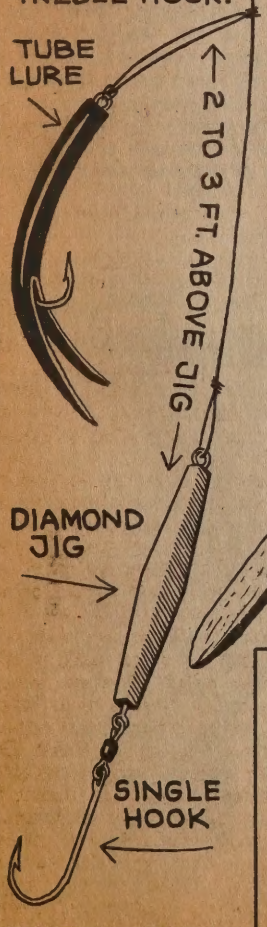
(6 FT.) MONO LEADER



DIAMOND JIGS 4 TO 8 OZ. TAKE APRIL POLLACK IN THE 80 TO 120 FT. DEPTHS, BUT MORE FISH ARE TAKEN ON A SINGLE TUBE LURE ATTACHED A FEW FEET ABOVE THE JIG. A SINGLE HOOK ON THE JIG IS BETTER THAN THE USUAL TREBLE HOOK.



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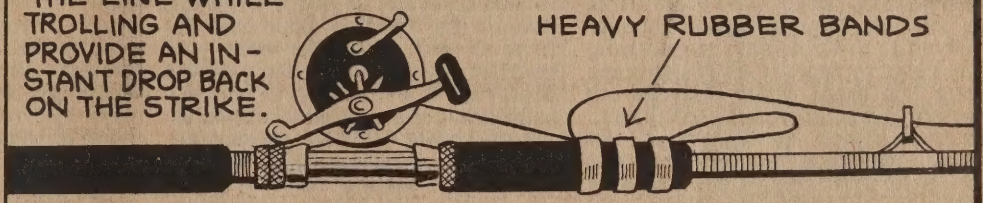
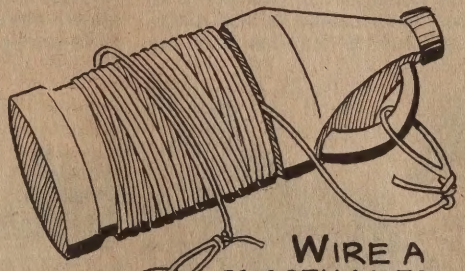
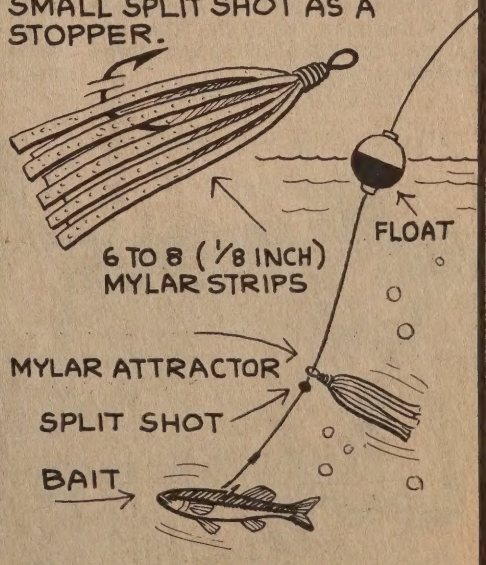


SYNTHETIC VENETIAN BLIND CORD IS A GOOD LINE TO USE ON YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE MARKER AS IT UNWRAPS EASILY AND DOES'NT BIND OR KINK LIKE HEAVY MONO OR TARRED LINE.

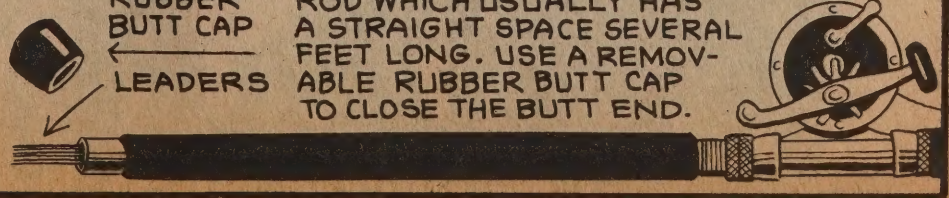


WIRE A SMOOTH METAL RING TO THE SASHWEIGHT. THE RING WILL NOT CUT THE LINE OR LENGTH OF ROPE LIKE THE ROUGH-EDGED HOLE IN THE SASHWEIGHT.

MYLAR TINSEL ATTACHED TO THE LINE ATTRACTS FISH TO YOUR LIVE BAIT WHEN FISHING WITH A BOBBER. DRESS UP AN OLD HOOK AFTER CUTTING OFF THE POINT AT THE CURVE. USE SMALL SPLIT SHOT AS A STOPPER.



WIRE LEADERS AND LENGTHS OF HEAVY MONO CAN BE STORED IN THE BUTT OF A HOLLOW ROD WHICH USUALLY HAS A STRAIGHT SPACE SEVERAL FEET LONG. USE A REMOVABLE RUBBER BUTT CAP TO CLOSE THE BUTT END.



SPRING FLATTIES AT SHELTER ISLAND

by Lou Mauriello

The waters surrounding this gem of an island provide some top shelf flounder action.

Every spring, somewhere around the beginning of April, I get a sudden and uncontrollable urge to hook up my boat trailer and head East for what I consider some of the best flounder fishing to be had on Long Island. This is not to say there isn't good flounder fishing in the local bays surrounding my home in Seaford. We have some very fine areas where flounder are caught by the thousands each season. It is just that I, like many of you out there, happen to relate certain types of fishing with certain areas and when it comes to flounder fishing, my favorite area is in the waters surrounding Shelter Island.

You can fish these waters in several ways. First, you can sail on one of the party boats that sail this area. There's the Wilhelric out of Sag Harbor, while out of Greenport, the Brand X or the Peconic Star fish this area. Each of the captains are quite knowledgeable and if there are fish in the area, you will get your share sailing with these experienced skippers.

Another way to explore this area is by renting a skiff at one of the local liveries, of which two come to mind. They are Bayview Marina, located in Sag Harbor, and Port of Egypt, located on Route 25 about 1½ miles east of the Town of Southold. For those of you who either keep your boats in the water, or don't own a boat, this is a fine way to not only catch fish, but also to get the satisfaction of knowing you did it by yourself. One word of caution here, though. Choose your weather carefully if you are going to fish from a rental skiff. The maximum size of these boats is 18 feet and there is some big water around Shelter Island that can get pretty snotty in a hurry; so be forewarned.

The last way to fish this area, and my favorite because I am in this category, is to trailer your own boat to one of the many launching ramps in this area. The three ramps that come to mind are those located at the aforementioned fishing stations and the state-run ramp in Greenport. Naturally, the ramps at the fishing stations will cost you a couple of bucks to use, but I feel the money is worth it. If you would like to find out how much the launching fee is this year, you can call Port of Egypt at SO 5-3918 or Bayview at 725-0740. Both of these places provide parking for your car and trailer and sell bait and tackle, just in case you may have forgotten something at home.

For those of you who would like to save the few bucks for launching, the state ramp in Greenport can be reached by going East on Route 25. After passing the town of Greenport, you will go by a restaurant, on your left, by the name of Porky's. Make the next right, Manhasset Ave., and follow it to the end. Parking is at a premium here, so I would recommend getting to this ramp early, especially if you intend to launch on a weekend.

Once in the water, you will have to know where to fish. My advice is to have a map of the area along to help

The author unhooks a flattie taken from South Ferry aboard the Sag Harbor open boat, "Wilhelric."

pinpoint the current hotspots. I carry the NOAA map #12358 which covers Shelter Island Sound and Peconic Bays. With this map and the advice of one of the station managers, you should be able to find some of the current, productive spots. Some of those spots include Mashomack Point, South Ferry, Jessups, Conkling Point and the "Caretakers." A pact I made with Captain Artie Lach of the Wilhelric forbids me from giving away exact ranges under the threat of having him sink my center console.

One thing I find rather odd is the fact that the flounder in this area are found on hard bottom instead of the usual mud bottoms they inhabit.

Another thing that may seem unusual to you folks who are used to fishing the shallow south shore bays is the depth of water fished here. It is normal to fish depths of 18 to 35 feet, depending on the spot. The currents may also be a bit stronger than you are used to, but have no fear, the fish are here. Let me give you an example from a typical entry in my fishing log. It is taken slightly out of its original order, but only so you can better understand it. It goes something like this:

Date: April 23, '83. Place: Shelter Island. # Persons: 3—me, son Stephen, friend Pat McKeon. Comments: Stopped at Caretakers, no hits. Went to South Ferry at slackwater, fishing good and fish big. Went to Mashomack on ebb. Quit early, 48 qt. cooler full of flounder.

Not too shabby, huh? I am not trying to brag, though. I am just showing that the fishing there can be quite good. The above fish ranged from about 1 to over 2¼ pounds and one of them got my son a Fisherman Skillful Angler Award. And that was not an outstanding day.

The tackle I use when fishing in these waters is a bit different than the gear used in shallow bays. Because of the aforementioned deep water and strong tides, the first thing I do is rule out ultra-light spinning gear. I pick spinning gear that is capable of handling two and three ounce sinkers with 10 or 12 pound test line. My arsenal also includes conventional popping rods with level wind reels loaded with 15 pound test monofilament. This may seem a bit overgunned for the "lowly" flounder, but try getting a double-header of two pound fish to boatside with something lighter. In those strong currents, you may be in for a big surprise.

Terminal tackle should be kept simple, as always. Remember, hardware belongs in a hardware store, not on your line. I tie a simple overhand loop on the end of my line and attach my sinker. Directly above the sinker, I attach my hooks via a dropper loop. More than a quarter century of experience has shown me this is the most effective rig to use.

Bank sinkers, in weights varying from two to six ounces, are best and the actual weight to use at any given time will be dictated by the strength of the current.

The hooks I prefer are #6 Sproats, tied with 20 pound leader material. I take one piece of leader material and cut it into three equal lengths and then snell my hooks with those pieces. Before tying the perfection loop, I slide on a plastic corn kernel. Tie two of these hooks together and add them to your dropper loop and with the proper bait, they will catch fish quite well. Commercially tied Chestertowns will also catch fish, but in my book, the Sproat is without comparison.

Bait is probably the easiest thing to write about in this article. When it comes to fishing for flounder at Shelter Island, I stick with my favorite bait— the bank mussel. When I plan a fishing trip for flounder, I make sure I lay in a supply of fresh mussels the day before, enough to give me about two quarts of fresh shucked meat. That will give you enough bait to fish all day, when the fish are picky, and enough to fill the cooler when they are committing suicide. Yeah, I know, they're slimy and hard to open and won't stay on the hook. Take the time to learn how to shuck 'em properly and learn how to thread them on a hook and I'm sure you will go along with my thinking of them as being the top bait.

As with flounder fishing in other areas, chumming is very important in the waters around Shelter Island. Here, too, though, there are some differences. I would never crack mussels and toss them in the water here. Neither will I toss corn over the side to try to attract flounder. Both of these methods work very well in shallow water, where the currents aren't too strong. Try these methods in the strong currents around Shelter Island and you will only succeed in scattering chum all over the bay. What I do is chum only with a weighted chum pot using a ground up clam chum log. Three of these logs will usually be sufficient to last for the full day's fishing. Also, because of the strong currents, I will at times add a heavy sinker to the chum pot to keep it under the boat where it will do me the most good. Remember, that chum pot will do you no good if it is being lifted three feet off the bottom by the current.

The fishing in this area usually starts in earnest about April First. This is totally dependent on the water temperature. My records indicate that on March 26, 1983, I had a good early season trip aboard the Wilhelric. I finished the day with 13 fish from 1 to 2¼ pounds. But, last winter was very mild. As I am sitting at this typewriter, in the middle of January, we have been having one heck of a cold winter and I am sure it will make a difference as to when the flounder season begins "out East." I'm not worried, however, as I'm sure the fish will be there in their usual numbers and size. Come April, I will be seeking out the waters of Shelter Island for some of the superb fishing this area offers flatfish fans.

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CHECKLIST TO FISHING SUCCESS

by J.N. Raguso

The sun began to peak over the horizon on a late June dawn. The outboards coughed to life and all hands moved as one as gear was stowed quickly with the resolve of a crack Indy 500 pit-stop crew. All events seemed to move mystically towards an all-too-infrequent speedy departure from dockside. The center console hissed through the lazy southwest swells of early light as the 15 fathom curve became history on the recorder's printout. The Loran blinked its incessant directional beacon that would lead captain and complement to the promise of the offshore battlegrounds. It was a mako morning.

Suddenly panic interrupted the tranquility of the cockpit. As the captain routinely made a mental check of the gear on board, his thoughts were stonewalled when he brought to mind the dozen premade wire leaders and hooks that were painstakingly prepared the night before. The boat skidded to a halt in 120 feet of water, some 19 miles southeast of the inlet.

A hurried inspection revealed that his worst fears were realized. The rigged leaders that were to ultimately connect them to their leaping, tail-spinning quarry were nowhere to be found. All the preparations that had gone into bringing everything together for this brief escape into the briny would go for naught, because someone had left a few hooks in the trunk of a car back at dockside. There would be no makos today.

How many times has this happened to you? I can confess to experiencing this scenario on more than one occasion. It's a sin that such a small oversight can negate greater events, such as the opportunity of fair weather and seas, and the fish being stacked up on the offshore grounds ready to be taken. Take heart—you needn't be plagued by this albatross any longer. This article will provide you with a framework that will make the aforementioned agony a distant memory.

It all starts with developing and **using** a checklist of important and critical items that are integral to the success of your impending adventure, whether it be inshore for fluke or offshore for sharks, marlin or tuna. I don't mean trivial things like one six-pack of soda or two, but the items which are **absolutely indispensable** in making or breaking your trip. Remember, with the exception of a few floating bait stations at dockside or in

Having aboard the proper gear can spell the difference between a long boat ride or a successful day offshore.

high-traffic bay intersections, there are no oceanfront emporiums that will provide the forgotten flat of bunker, flying gaff, offshore trolling lures, or tail ropes.

At this point, one should question the need to develop a list for every different fishing occasion. This would be an effort that would parallel the authoring of "War and Peace" should you design one for every species currently available to Long Island anglers. You'd need a list just to know how many different checklists you had and which ones to use! The obvious solution is to break down your pre-trip checklists by the **arena** of fishing, specifically inshore, offshore and canyon. There is a certain overlapping effect when you incorporate this technique and you'll find that a minimum of paperwork is necessary. For example, if you're bottom fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish or porgies, you'll recognize that there are certain constants, like the need for sinkers, bait, terminal tackle, a net, etc. Only the particular style of hooks, bait or sinker weight will change. The same is true whether you're venturing offshore for a date with marlin or mako. The need for trolling rod and reel combos, flying gaffs, tail ropes and a large fishbox with ice is fairly consistent. Nuances come in the form of chum, bait, trolling lures and tackle class, although makos have been known to smash high speed lures meant for billfish and tuna, and marlin to invade a sharking expedition's chum slick.

Canyon fishing is a different category altogether with some excursions lasting two to three days and nights at a clip. Using a checklist meant for an offshore day trip for sharks or blues would prove to be inadequate. You can cover a lot of territory in this time span even at trolling speeds. You must be prepared for various weather and sea conditions, numerous species of large and powerful fish, and have an ample supply of food, bait and fuel that will keep the crew bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for the entire journey with a decent amount in reserve for emergencies. Prudence dictates an "ad hoc" list of items specifically tailored to this fishery.

As long as you are aware of the slight modifications particular to each species sought, a generic arena checklist will provide a comprehensive framework to preclude a busted trip due to forgetfulness, pre-departure excitement, or whatever. It's certainly a superior system when compared to relying solely on the uncertainty of one's memory, especially when you consider the costs of bait, fuel and opportunity lost.

Accompanying this article are lists that I've been using for the last few years, and are the subject of constant evolution. Make copies of them if you think they'll help and add on whatever items are important to you that are not listed. And, most importantly, **don't forget to use them!**

INSHORE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Inshore Chart
- ☐ Bottom Fishing Rods
- ☐ 1 Jigging Rod
- ☐ 1 Light Spin Rod
- ☐ 1 Wire Line Rod
- ☐ Straight Gaff (3' with 3" hook)
- ☐ Large Landing Net
- ☐ Gimbal Belt
- ☐ Bait
- ☐ Rigged Hooks and Sinkers
- ☐ Box of Bucktails and Jigs
- ☐ Camera and Film
- ☐ 2 Umbrella Rigs
- ☐ 1 pair Cotton Gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses, Hat and Sunblock Lotion
- ☐ Filet Knife, Fishing Pliers and Stone
- ☐ Bait Knife and Cutting Board
- ☐ Food and Beverages
- ☐ Extra Outboard Oil
- ☐ Tool Kit and Spare Parts
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ All Coast Guard Equipment
- ☐ 68 qt. Fishbox with Ice
- ☐ 200' Anchor Line and Anchor
- ☐ Tide Chart and Current Table
- ☐ Binoculars

OFFSHORE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Offshore Chart
- ☐ 4 Trolling Rod Outfits (30 & 50 lb. class)
- ☐ 2 Jigging/Bottom Rods
- ☐ 1 Wire Line Rod
- ☐ Large Straight Gaff (6' with 5" hook)
- ☐ Straight Gaff (3' with 3" hook)
- ☐ Flying Gaff with Two Heads (6" Hooks)
- ☐ 6 Tail Ropes (1/2" line x 8' length)
- ☐ Tagging Stick with Tags & Pen
- ☐ 3 Gimbal Belts
- ☐ 2 Shoulder Harnesses
- ☐ Chunk of Foam for Float Baits
- ☐ Box of Trolling Lures, Feathers and Jigs
- ☐ Chum Bucket Holder
- ☐ Shark Leaders and Hooks (6)
- ☐ Camera and Film
- ☐ 2 Umbrella Rigs
- ☐ 2 Pair H/D Cotton Gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses, Hat and Sunblock
- ☐ 2 Filet Knives, Pliers and Sharpening Stone
- ☐ Bait Knife and Large Cutting Board
- ☐ Bait and Chum for any occasion
- ☐ Food, Beverages and Water
- ☐ Extra Outboard Oil
- ☐ Tool Kit and Spare Parts
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ All Coast Guard Equipment
- ☐ Large Fishbox with Ice (86 or 151 qt.)
- ☐ Bulk Spool of 30 lb. Mono
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Clothespins and Rubber Bands for Adjustable Clips
- ☐ 800' Anchor Line and Anchor
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Loran Hotspot Book and Loran
- ☐ Foul Weather Clothing
- ☐ Chart Recorder, Seawater Temp. Gauge, VHF Radio & Compass
- ☐ Float Plan left with wife or friend with ETA

CANYON FISHING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Offshore Chart
- ☐ Latest Infra-red Sea Temp. Chart
- ☐ 6 Trolling Rod Outfits (50 & 80 lb. class)
- ☐ Spare Trolling Reel
- ☐ Extra Drag Washers and Discs
- ☐ 2 Jigging/Bottom Rods
- ☐ Extra Large Straight Gaff (7' with 6" hook)
- ☐ Straight Gaff (3' with 3" hook)
- ☐ Flying Gaff with 3 Heads (6" hooks)
- ☐ 10 Tail Ropes (1/2" line x 8' length)
- ☐ Tagging Stick with Tags & Pen
- ☐ 4 Gimbal Belts
- ☐ 3 Shoulder Harnesses
- ☐ Kidney Harness (adjustable) for Fighting Chair
- ☐ Chunk of Foam for Float Baits
- ☐ Lightsticks for Swordfish Baits
- ☐ Offshore Trolling Lures with Large Hooks (10/0 minimum)
- ☐ Bulk Spools of 50 & 80 lb. line
- ☐ Box of Small Trolling Lures and Feathers
- ☐ Chum Bucket Holder
- ☐ Shark Leaders and Hooks (12)
- ☐ Camera and Film
- ☐ 3 pair H/D Cotton Gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses, Hat and Sunblock Lotion
- ☐ 2 Large Filet Knives, Fishing Pliers and Stone
- ☐ Bait Knife and Cutting Board
- ☐ Bait and Chum for any occasion
- ☐ Food Beverages and Water
- ☐ Extra Outboard Oil
- ☐ Tool Kit and Spare Parts
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ All Coast Guard Equipment
- ☐ 2 large Fishboxes with Ice (151 qt.) plus Fish Blanket (insulated)
- ☐ Extra Clothes and Shoes
- ☐ Waterproof Boots
- ☐ Extra Outrigger Line with Clips
- ☐ Flatline Clips
- ☐ 1200' Anchor Line with Oversized Anchor
- ☐ Enough Fuel for the Full Trip plus 25% Reserve
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Loran Hotspot Book and Loran
- ☐ Chart Recorder, Seawater Temp. Gauge, VHF Radio, Compass
- ☐ Foul Weather Clothing
- ☐ Float Plan left with wife or friend with ETA
- ☐ At least one other companion boat at all times

WATERSHED TROUT

by Jim Capossela

Within easy reach of Metropolitan anglers, reservoirs such as the Pepacton provide freshwater fans with trophy size trout.

When fellow Sleepy Hollow Rod & Gun Club members Trigger Maccabee and Bob Nikitopoulos brought three friends up to Pepacton Reservoir for their first trip, they told them two things.

"There's big fish in here. But it's gonna be cold."

By the end of the night, the men believed both statements.

It was July, which one might call early spring in this frigid Catskill valley. When Bob and Trigger left the club cabin in nearby Cook's Falls, they brought not only all their deer hunting clothes, but their sleeping bags as well. As they intended to night fish, they got to Pepacton some time after 7PM, and launched the two boats tied up at Cat Hollow.

By midnight, Bob and Trigger—who knew what to expect—were comfortably curled up inside their sleeping bags. The three visitors, who sure enough ignored warnings, were hopelessly shivering inside their light jackets. Then something happened that boiled everybody's blood.

Trigger's line was slowly peeling off and heading for the dam. When he finally set the hook, the fish didn't feel too special. It even came up sluggishly. But when the giant form came within the eerie halo of the suspended Coleman lantern, all five men gasped.

Story has it that Trigger played the leviathan with precision, adjusting the drag perfectly. But it wasn't to be. The net man, I understand, lowered too soon, the fish broke off and swam away, and the five men went home with a classic fish tale for posterity.

The reservoirs play host to some huge brown trout, as evidenced by Jack Dykstra's 20 pound 7 ounce fish.

How big?

"I don't know—16 pounds...18 pounds, biggest fish I ever saw" Bob told me later.

Pepacton Reservoir is one of about eleven New York State lakes where an angler has a realistic chance of taking a 20 pound brown (the others being Rondout, Canonsville, Ashokan, Kensico, Cross River, Titicus, West Branch, Croton Falls, Keuka and Ontario). Part of the New York City Watershed System, Pepacton is located in New York's Delaware County in the Western Catskill Mountains. From New York City or Long Island, it is best reached by taking Rt. 17 (the "Quickway") north to Exit 94, Roscoe. It is then another 25 minutes north via Cat Hollow Road. Total time from New York City is three hours.

Pepacton was dammed in 1955, and has been New York's premier brown trout lake since the mid-1960. Three pounders are routine. Four to 10 pounders are common. Fish bigger than this are much less numerous, but are taken annually. Reliable state biologists confirm that at least a few genuine 20 pounders have been taken on rod and reel. I feel there unquestionably must be a brown haunting Pepacton that would eclipse the current state records of 22 lbs. 4 oz. (Keuka).

In spite of its fine reputation, Pepacton is never really that crowded. The lake is a full 20 miles long and a half mile wide on the average. The maximum depth is 170 feet and the acreage is 5700. No motors are permitted—only oar power—so the lake seems even bigger.

If you don't have a boat, **right now** is the time to head for Pepacton. Shore fishing is good throughout the entire month of April, even into early May. Shore anglers simply cast out their saw bellies (the predominant baitfish in Pepacton) and wait for a trout to come along. The very best time is midnight to 6AM. Being out at this time is critical to any kind of success with these fish (from shore). Second best time is 6AM to 10AM. Early in the year, though, spurts of daytime activity can occur.

One very popular shore spot is at Shavertown Bridge. Otherwise, note where other shore anglers are parked. Wherever you fish early in the year, though, make it where the road is not too far away. That way if you get cold (boy, will you get cold), you can go back to the car for a little heat.

On shore you can move around, fire up soup on a Coleman stove, and survive the night on Pepacton. Out in a boat, though, there's no escape. Nonetheless, there are men of steel who are out right from the gun on April 1st. Night fishing from a boat goes like this.

The boat is first anchored in deep water, which in steep-sided Pepacton doesn't have to be very far offshore. Then, one or two Coleman-type lanters are suspended out over the water with special hooks that slip into the oarlocks (you MUST have these hooks). Almost unfailingly, the light will attract a school of saw bellies. The theory then has it that the browns you catch have come up for the saw bellies, but they may also be attracted to the light itself, and some may just happen to be beneath the boat.

Most fishermen hook a saw belly lightly either in the lip or by the dorsal fin, add a small barrel sinker, then let out 15 to 30 or more feet of line. The bail is left open, and the line is restricted from peeling out with a "Strike Guard," an ingenius device that clips into the rod and releases the line under the pressure of a strike. With a 1/4 or 1/2 ounce barrel sinker, the bait will remain essentially stationary at the predescribed depth directly below the boat.

Trigger Maccabee does it a little differently. He uses only a small split shot, lets the saw belly run where it pleases, and holds the rod and line in his hands. The bait will swim energetically without the weight, and it will also be carried by Pepacton's considerable currents. This makes it a better method.

Saw bellies (also called alewives or herring) are not always available early in the year. If they're not, you still have two options.

We have taken plenty of reservoir browns over the years on shiners, though many will argue that saw bellies work better. I'm not at all sure that the biggest baitfish are the best. Bring some mediums, too.

Another option is to snag your bait. This is a somewhat precarious endeavor, but the saw bellies schooling around your light can be gotten in this manner. Bring a separate outfit—an ultralight spin stick is good—and rig it with a small, unweighted treble hook. Make sure you also have shiners, though, in case your snagging luck isn't too good.

Anchor ropes are the nemesis of still fishing, and it's always the biggest fish that seem to find them. Some men dangle ropes from Shavertown Bridge and tie up to these. Others drop their anchors a ways off both the bow and stern of the boat, tie on buoys, and then tie to the buoys with long **horizontal** ropes. Most, though, simply try to get a little angle into the lines, which lessens the incidence of fish wrapping around them.

Night fishing is probably the method that accounts for the most fish taken at Pepacton. But there are at least two other important boat fishing methods.

Daytime trolling with long flashing "cow bells," is popular with a relative minority on Pepacton. As night fishing is difficult for the cold, trolling is difficult for the pure tedium of it. Without a doubt, the downriggers used on Ontario and other big waters are working their way down to the smaller impoundments and are already being seen in the Catskills.

Drift fishing is pleasant, if the wind is just right and this technique is most effective from early April through June, after which the best results seem to come from trolling. At night, water temperature is probably not a huge factor, since you are drawing the fish to you (instead of going to them). But in daytime trolling or drifting, the importance of temperature can scarcely be exaggerated.

The best reservoir brown trout men are very serious "temperature men." This is a whole science unto itself, one I admittedly am not expert at. However, I have interviewed some of the best brown trout men in New York State over the years, and I have begun to garner some of their methods. ALL say that temperature is critically important.

It is not enough to know that browns prefer a temperature around 58 to 63 degrees. This is relevant after May when the lake stratifies. But in spring, there are no 58 degrees—at any depth. Where do you fish? Quite often, at the zone of greatest change, the Metalimnion. This is called "fishing the breaks." For example,

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NOTES ON FISHING THE NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS

A valid resident or non-resident New York State fishing license is needed to fish any of these lakes. Also required is a free Watershed fishing permit. This can be obtained **only** by appearing in person at a city watershed office. There is one in New York City: Municipal Building, 24th Floor, 1 Center Street, New York, New York. Others are located at: Box 413, 1 Belden Road, Carmel, New York 10512, (914) 225-3550; Box 66, West Lake Drive, Valhalla, New York 10595, (914) 946-2712; Box D, Route 30, Downsville, New York (at Pepacton Reservoir), (607) 363-7501; and there are others. Inquire about photos you must bring.

If you plan to use a boat, an additional but also free permit is required. Boats must be kept chained up at the lake. No day-to-day cartopping. Boats must be inspected each year (also free) and no motors.

Bait and tackle for Pepacton fishermen can be obtained in Roscoe, Downsville and other nearby Catskill villages. There are plenty of motels and campgrounds, especially in the Roscoe-Livingston Manor area.

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the lake may vary only from about 39 to 42 degrees early in the year. But if there is a level—say 30 feet—where temperatures change from 40 to 42 degrees, that would amount to a relatively huge change. Pelagic game fish such as browns often concentrate near the **top** of a key temperature break.

Nonetheless, the 58 to 63 degree principle is important. It means that this is when browns will be most active. When such optimal temperatures **are** available, at some depth, it's important to be at that depth. Fisheries biologists who are close to Pepacton say that "the browns don't leave their preferred temperature zones for long."

The fishing for smallmouth bass is also excellent in Pepacton and very much overlooked. I like September for bronzebacks, and though these powerhouse fish do feed heavily on the saw bellies here, I still prefer crawfish. The technique is simplicity itself. In early morning, preferably, just cast an unweighted crawdad towards a likely-looking shoreline. The take will often come as the bait sinks, but unfortunately the rock bass will often take you out to lunch (you buy). Trolling along the shore with a Flatfish, Rapala, or other topwater plug will also help you take a stringer of smallies, which, incidentally, average a weighty 2 to 3 pounds (six pounds is about the maximum).

There are five other New York City Watershed Reservoirs in the Catskills. Here is a brief rundown on what they offer.

Canonsville. Large browns present, but trout fishing not on a par with Pepacton. Also some good smallmouth fishing, but probably also not as good as Pepacton. Beautifully desolate and less-fished reservoir.

Neversink. Landlocked salmon stocked annually since 1976. Fishery is developing and spawning fish have been observed in feeder stream.

The Neversink River. Oxygen levels superb, but overall fertility lower than Pepacton. Salmon program looks optimistic, some browns are present. Abundant smelt and alewives.

Rondout. Good population of browns, including very large ones. Also good smallmouth. Lake trout stocked experimentally here since 1981; 271 legal fish were returned in a 1982 creel census. Alewives and smelt present.

Scoharie. Well known for a fine walleye population. Some smallmouth. Trout stocked experimentally last several years, future of trout program uncertain.

Ashokan. Immense 8000-plus acre lake dammed way back in 1913 (first Catskill Reservoir). Large rainbows have always been present, but browns are now coming on strong. Alewives abundant. Walleyes present in moderate numbers, not on a par with Scoharie. Smallmouth bass fishing described by state biologists as "the best of the city reservoirs."

IN MEMORIAM

A tragedy occured at Montauk on Thursday the 29th of March. The fishing boat Windblown had failed to return from an offshore trip for tilefish. Her last radio transmission gave loran bearings which approximated her position 12 to 15 miles south of Montauk. So very close.

The following day the Coast Guard pushed out to sea along with several private boats in search of the missing vessel. Positive identification of floating wreckage gave grim assurance that the boat had sunk. Where were the crew? Hope ran high that there would be survivors because the boat had a ballast life raft and survival suits. All of Montauk waited and hoped. In East Hampton religious leaders offered prayers from their alters during Sunday's mass. With each passing day hope turned to despair. Seamen finally had to face the truth in the end. Mountainous seas pushed along by winds gusting over 85 miles per hour must have torn the wooden super structure loose from the steel hulled "Windblown" and taken all hands along with it. Obviously no one had time for the life saving gear. Survival without the suits would be impossible as the water temperature at the time was about 38 degrees. The only solace now is that the end likely came quickly without the horror of panic.

Montauk's roots became evident by the support that was given to the long days of searching. After the civic authorities had given up the search, private money was raised throughout the town to pay for vessels and spotter planes. Monies were raised in restaurants, bars and donated by community organizations. Not only money but many individuals gave time and energy. No matter what rivalry takes place in our daily lives, when the pinch is on we all give of ourselves.

The captain of the ill-fated boat was Mike Stedman. Well known to Montauk headboat fishermen as a captain of the Marlin fleet of open boats for 4 years. Prior to that he also captained for the Viking fleet. Mike finally was going out on his own, something he long wanted, and put everything he owned into the purchase of this used vessel including mortgaging his home. He planned to tile fish during the winter and sail open boat fluke during the season. Capt. Stedman was hard working and a devoted fishermen. Were it not for the worst of luck he would have been successful.

Two other crew members, David Connick and Scott Clark, I believe were from East Hampton. I know nothing of these men and can only sympathize with their families.

The fourth crew member was Michael Vigilant. This is perhaps the worst tragedy of all. After all, Montauk does not have the heritage

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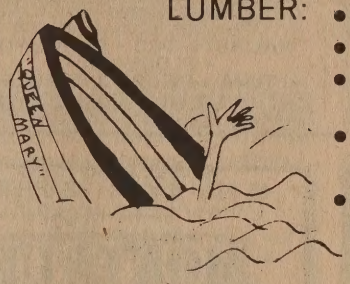

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All the crew were young men. Capt. Stedman was 32, Scott Clark was only 18 and David Connick in his early twenties.

A death at sea for these four young men is profoundly felt by their comrades. I know, for I am a fisherman. Regardless of what goals or amitions I may have, I live from the sea. Any document or form that I may have to fill out such as a bank note or tax returns, in that little box that says occupation, I write "fisherman." So, keeping that in mind, I take the liberty of speaking on behalf of all the men and women whose livelihood depends on the sea. We grieve painfully and deeply for you. In some strange manner, which I cannot explain, we all shared your final experience. For as you died, a part of our spirit died also.

Captain John DeMaio

East End REPORT

with Capt. John DeMaio

The storm of the week has made consistent codfishing very difficult. Thursday's storm, not as strong as the previous week, was in fact more harmful to the fishing. Flounder fishing on the east end showed considerable improvement.

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Capt. Paul Forsberg reported that the George's Bank trip was slow due to heavy ground swell conditions, high hook anglers managed 12 to 14 fish apiece. Besides cod, a good showing of haddock and one wolf fish were also taken; one big halibut was lost. James Gavers of Howard Beach

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had the pool cod of 53 pounds. Louis Cosmo was second with a 51½ pound cod, between them they split $1,570. The **Viking Star**, fishing local cod also found difficult fishing on Saturday due to heavy ground swell. Sunday's fishing was a great improvement over Saturday.

This reported found good fishing prior to Thursday's storm. For Monday and Wednesday, 120 cod were taken plus a dozen large pollack. After the storm on Saturday only five fish were caught. On Sunday the fishing improved with a catch of 65 cod of a twelve pound average and two large pollock for three anglers.

Capt. Potts of the charter boat **Blue Fin**, said that after losing several charters to poor weather during the week, the Hallaman party had 12 cod on Saturday. On Sunday their friends, the Sell party, all from Pennsylvania had 78 cod and 2 pollock. They averaged out at 12 pounds. The biggest fish went 20 pounds.

A call from Captain Rich Rade advised that the **Marlin IV** will be sailing on a daily schedule starting this Saturday, April 14th for cod, pollock and snowshoe flounder. The skipper said that all tickets have been sold for Sunday, April 15th. The boat is on a 6AM weekend sailing schedule and a 6:30 AM sailing schedule Monday through Friday.

The word from Captain Wayne King of the charter boat **King Wayne** told of fishing the Reelers Fishing Club Saturday for a slow day of cod which was due to the storm late during the week. On Sunday, the trip for George Green and friends all of Westchester had an uncomfortable beginning of the day codfishing which was followed by a comparatively calm few hours fishing the lake for a good catch of 30 flounder up to a pound.

SOUTH FORK

From Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** we learned that his fares had a slow pick on the weekend with catches becoming decent on the slack. The flounder are starting to come alive again, said Artie. He noted that the weekend's windy conditions didn't help any however.

We hear from **Chris** over at **Bay View Fishing Station** that his rentals had fair floundering over the weekend with fish averaging 1¼ lbs. Best areas have been the Cove and Mashomack. Customers are averaging 20 fish a man with the ebb best on worms, mussels and mussel chum. The station's 7th Annual Flounder Derby had as its winner "Cherry Picker" Conrad with a 1 lb. 7¼ oz. flattie. Prize was an Ugly Stik trolling rod and Penn 4/0, and seven other tackle prizes were awarded also.

Tom of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** said flounder are beginning to show in the "basket" area. The action in Heady Creek has improved greatly over last week. Flounder are also taking hold at

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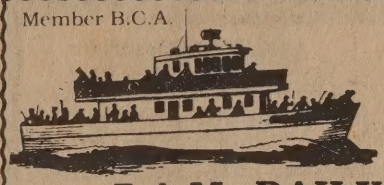

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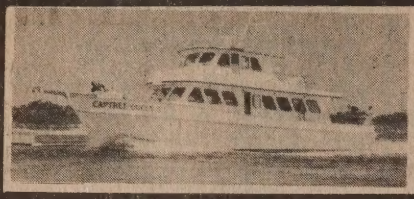

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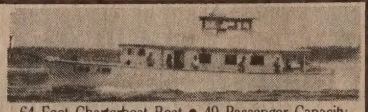

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Another mid-week storm and gusty breezes over the weekend kept flounder fans off balance to some degree. But all things considered, the overall flounder picture had plenty of bright spots, and that included both Moriches and Great South Bays.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

"Fishing in the bay opened up this week," according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches. Boatmen working between buoys 41 and 45, north of the channel, caught good numbers of big flounder as the fish made their move onto the flats. Catches range anywhere from 30 to 70 fish per boat whenever the weather permits. Fish are ranging from 1 to 2½ lbs. with 1½ pounders the norm.

Dave Lamotola and Dave Solumme led the way on Friday with 65 fish. On Saturday, Tom Duggan, Steve Pucciarelli, and Chris Korzekwinski teamed to put away 71 big flatties.

From **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Larry Dallaire relayed word that Saturday was the better day of the weekend as a result of Sunday's strong winds. Despite the wind, most boats did manage catches of 30 to 40 flatties. On Saturday, Mike Curci, George Adams and Ed Singer, all of Brooklyn, put away nearly 100 flatties up to 2¼ lbs. Most were in the 1½ lb. class. Heavy mussel chum is the key to bigger scores and both sands and bloods have been effective in the bait department.

Captain Chip Contegne of the Moriches Bay open boat **Capt. Leo D**, reported very good action early in the week prior to the storm. Catches were pretty good over the weekend near Remsenberg and buoy 54 in the canal. Chip heard good reports of solid fishing south of Haven's Point and plans on working over these bigger fish from here on in.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello, of **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, relayed word that shore anglers have been picking away to the

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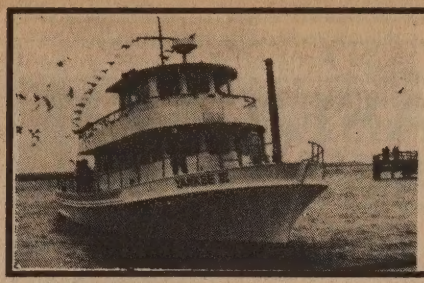

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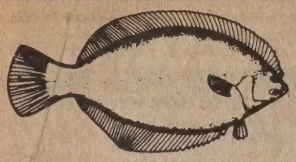

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tune of 4 to 4 flatties apiece. Blue Point Dock, Patchogue Village Dock and the mouth of the Patchogue River are all worth a shot. Boatmen have been doing a pretty good job in the East Bay between Nichols Pt. and Sailor's Haven. Paul also had reports of some fish being taken on both sides of the Smith Point Bridge. Trout fishermen had a ball this past week and weekend as a result of the belated stocking of local lakes. West Lake, East Lake and Canaan Lake all produced lots of 9 to 11 inch trout on worms and small nymphs.

Al Colban of **J&R Sport Center** in **Oakdale**, said that flounder fishing has been very good overall, though plenty of wind has hurt the action some days. Some of the best catches reported on the weekend came from in front of the sand castle near buoy 12 and at buoy 15 in front of Flynn's. Some good catches also being made south of Heckscher and Nichol's Pt. Plenty of trout being taken locally along with occasional 2 to 2½ pounders coming from Bubbles Falls.

Peter Jackits of E. Islip, accompanied by his brother Mike, anchored up his Rainbow Runner II near buoy 2, East Islip on windy Sunday. The pair fared considerably better than most boatmen as they proceeded to put 50 nice flatties into the cooler in short order. All of the fish ranged between 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Key to the fishing was heavy clam chum and stirring the bottom, along with double anchors which put them over the fish. Fresh chowder clams and worms were both effective in the bait department.

From **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore,** Carl Miller spoke of 25 to 40 fish catches being the rule on most days when the weather cooperates. Fish are well spread from Heckscher to Bay Shore and along West Channel as well. Best fish still seems to be in the 8 to 12 foot depths, with heavy chumming a necessity. Some white perch being taken in the Connetquot in front of Dowling College.

Captain Carl Passaro of the Captree open boat **Jib VI** said that Saturday's flounder fishing north of Sailor's Haven produced very good results. Sunday's action, suffered from too much wind and roiled water. Catches most days have been in the 8 to 20 per man range, although fishing earlier in the week were far better. Twenty fares on Tuesday put away over 400 flatties. Among those aboard were Ruby Sealy, who journeyed all the way from Florida to put away her share of flatties. Carl has been working East Channel, Point O'-Woods and Sailor's Haven most of the past week.

Aboard the **Capt. Scotty III**, Captain George Tweedy said that while Sunday was picky due to all the wind, Saturday was a pretty good day. Some fares managed 20 to 25 fish apiece. Fishing was even better earlier in the week when catches of 30 or 35 per man were made by some anglers. George has been working east in the bay between Sayville and Sailor's Haven.

According to Capt. Rod Westerlind of the Captree based **Capt. Rod**, the overall flounder picture has been very good, though wind does play a factor on some days. Sunday was one of those days, although the day finished on a high note thanks to a good drop made north of Cherry Grove on the flood tide. Most of the day saw a tough pick, however. In comparison, Sunday's fishing in the same general area was excellent.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** labeled Saturday's action "real good." High hooks for the day were Bob Pace and his fiance JoAnn, who teamed to take 76 flatties. A few other fares finished up with 25 to 30 flounder, while most topped off the day with anywhere from 1 to 2 dozen flounder in their buckets. Charlie said that he managed to scratch out a fair catch of fish on Sunday despite the wind. Although average catches were down, Virginia Kilgore did manage 36 nice flatties. Most settled for 6 to 15. Charlie's been working off of Point O'Woods and Sailor's Haven and finding his best action on the flood tide. He also noted that clams, worms and mussels seemed to be equally effective this week.

Bob Schwartz of the Pride and Joy put away 50 nice flounder off of Heckscher on Sunday. This via Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. Fred noted that Bob fared better than most anglers, all who took a battering from stiff northwest winds. Fred did put a 1¾ lb. flattie on the scale for Ruth Stabb. It was among a fair catch of fish made in

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Snake Hill Channel. On Saturday, Chris Nettuno and Scott Robb ran east to Sayville aboard the Cindy Ann. They put away 35 nice fish in short order.

The **Babylon** open boat **Miss Babylon** is now sailing daily at 7AM from the village dock. The boat opened the season with a fair weekend.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreanni spoke of good flounder fishing south of Bay Shore and Heckscher in-between all the wind. Thirty-five to 40 flatties per boat has been about par with a good number of 1 to 1½ lb. class fish showing up in the scores. On the freshwater side of the ledger, Joe Lubrano took six nice trout in the 14 to 16 inch range out of Southards Pond on Saturday. He used spinners. John Obedzinski fished behind Times Square Stores and put away 15 big w white perch in the 1 to 1½ lb. class, as well as catching and releasing a largemouth bass, which surprised everyone. He used bloodworms. Mike reminded that the shop will be hosting a world record fishing clinic Thursday through Saturday. There will be reps from Fenwick and Berkley present, along with Charlie Nappi, holder of three current IGFA fluke records. For more information, give Mike a call at 226-9030.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Flounder catches were good prior to the mid-week storm and have picked up again subsequent to the storm. A couple of nice sunny days should really put lots of fish in the bucket for this area's flounder pounders.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A phone call from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** told of a fair weekend of floundering for those who knew the spots. Joe Riccio and Pat Doll were happy with 38 flounder to 1¾ lbs. taken between the first and second bridges on the west side. Mr. Allisi and his two sons had 19 plus a mess of throwbacks fishing the east side between Four Corners and the 2nd bridge. Bloodworms and plenty of mussel chum were the ticket. John "Duckboat" Stuehr limited out on freshwater trout using live killies working local freshwater streams in both Massapequa and Wantagh.

Lon Wanser of the tackle shop of the same name, said that Squaw Island has been the flounder hotspot

this week. Seaford angler Lou Moriello had 14 fishing Squaw Island. Other good spots said Lon had been the 3rd Wantagh, Gilgo and Fort Neck Point. Chumming is a MUST said the tackle dealer! Fish have been running from one half to three quarter pounds on mussel, worm and clam bait with the top of the tide best.

Bronco and Jackson at **Merrick Tackle** knew only of flounder taken from Merrick Bay this past week and weekend to the tune of 7 to 12 good keepers per man. Fish averaged 3/4 lbs. and were suckers for mussel and worm along with plenty of clam chum.

Easing over to the **Freeport Fleet**, we hear from Captain Mike Danon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that on his full day boat, Monday and Tuesday saw high hooks in the 30s. On Friday, 46 was the score on good flounder for John DeRosa. Mike says the fish are a lot bigger this week and are up to 2¼ lbs. On the half day, the **CL IV** catches were also very decent in the beginning of the week with high hooks in the 20s and fish nice sized. Mike's new boat will start earning its keep Saturday sailing the two half day trips daily. On Saturday's morning trip, fares will be treated to a champagne party and food on the trip out.

The **Capt. Al** reported a fantastic flounder week, with Monday and Tuesday prior to the storm being excellent, as was the weekend after the storm, considering what the weather had been and what the bottom was like. On Saturday al fished locally and at Squaw and on Sunday, action was limited to Squaw, where the bigger fish live. Lots of doubles mixed in, said the skipper. Gene Bonner had 30 flatties and Jody Haynes 27, while Eileen Sundeberg of Lynbrook had 27. Inlet fish have been averaging a half pound and Squaw Island fish ran from 1/2 to 2 lbs. The boat had over 1,000 fish for Saturday and Sunday combined.

A call from Richie Kessinger, captain of the **Starstream II** told of a super offshore cod wreck trip Tuesday to a distant offshore wreck. Sal Diacema, of Port Washington hung a 62 lb. cod. Jim Szekely of the Bronx had a 63 lber., but the big fish of the day was a 71 lber. caught by Larry Melia of Bloomfield, NJ. Brooklyn regular Mel Goldberg had 12 cod to 35 lbs. On Saturday's trip, over 100 cod were taken which was very good considering the weather. Pool fish was a 42 lber. caught by Fernando Bento of Franklin Square. The average run of fish was 10 to 15 lbs. and catches averaged 5 to 10 fish a man. Fifteen pollock to 15 lbs. and some hake were also hauled aboard.

The LIF staff wishes to congratulate local Shakespeare Rep and sharp angler Greg Nisito and his wife Dolores for having increased the earth's population by one, a baby girl whom they have named Diana. We wish them all the best of luck.

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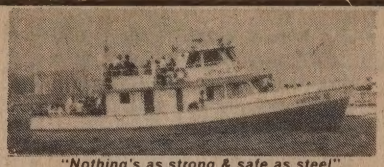

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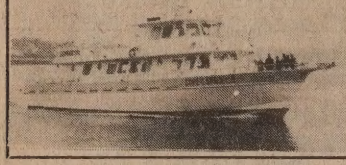

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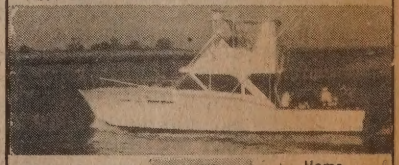

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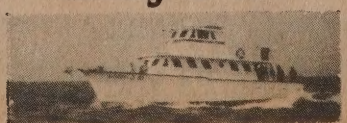

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flounder schedule did nicely fishing locally Saturday and Sunday, with Sunday definitely the best day. All fares caught fish from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Worms, clam and mussel did the job. Captain Pat on the **Lady J III** fished flounder locally for a charter Saturday in Reynolds Channel and Swift Creek and they picked away all through the day for fish that were mainly keepers.

Over in **Point Lookout** we hear from the **Capt. Bill**, the two trip a day flounder boat, that Monday's AM trip saw Steve Freise with 14 fish and the pool. Also Spencer Thomas of Freeport bagged 21 flatties. Friday saw Dave Pollack of Floral Park with 35 fish up to 2 lbs. 2 oz. On Saturday, Roy Doyle of Baldwin took a 2 lb. pool winner, while Sunday saw Frank Rizzo with 15 flatties and a 2¼ lb. pool fish. Action has been in the back bays with an ebb tide producing best.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we learned of Saturday's trip for flounder working Reynolds and Garretts Lead. Captain Dennis told of a fair pick on big flatties averaging 1 to 1¾ lbs. Pool fish weighed in at 2½ lbs. Worm and mussel on the hook and plenty of clam and mussel chum did the job with many drops required. The last of the flood seemed to be best.

We learned from the **Miss Point Lookout** of increasingly good catches on its two trip a day flounder schedule. Monday in the PM Steve Spero had 16 and Carl Lucas had 19 flounder. Tuesday's PM trip had Sid Carmen with 25, Paula Cramer with 23 and Lou and George with 30 between them, with Lou catching the 2 lb. pool fish. On Friday, Bob Zatorski was happy with 17 flounder. Fred Steagle had the 2½ lb. pool winner. Lots of 1¾ to 2 lb. fish were caught. Saturday's AM trip saw Tom Gravino with a 1¾ lber., while Tony Villani had a 2½ lber. Sunday AM had Bernie Greenstein of Floral Park with the pool honors, while on the PM trip Ed Weiss had 2 flatties over 2 lbs. (Nice, Weiss.) Art Huntstein had a 2½ lb. pool fish. Numbers were best on the ebb tide, with worm and mussel best, in local waters. As we were doing these reports this Monday morning, the skipper called again through the marine operator from the boat to say that roughly 200 flounder had been taken Monday AM on just one drop in one hour's fishing time.

Scotty's Fishing Station had 14 skiffs out over the weekend and in the winds that prevailed, fish were caught up to 2-1/8 lbs., averaging 1½ lbs. Mr. Normyle, M. Monteguedo and Mr. Carrubba each had over 18 keeper flounder. They fished worms and mussel chum in Sea Dog Creek and the Middle Bay Flats at the top of the tide. Scotty's is presently holding their yearly flounder contest with a rod and reel as first prize. The station should be called for all details. See ad for phone number.

Marilyn over at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of some very good catches from her skiffs on Sunday in Reynolds Channel, with mussels working best

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in the wind and the slight chill. Buoys 16 and 18 and the flats work best. A customer by the name of Whitey did nicely in Swift Creek off the houses. Tuesday saw a big score of 85 flounder taken by hotshots Bruno Grabiec, Ed Puzio and Andy Wallek in the flats. One fish was just a shade under 3 lbs. The skiffs that went out Saturday picked away on fish running 1 to 1¼ lbs. Last of incoming through the first hour of the ebb were best.

A call from Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** told of Friday's catche for Jean Brod of Amityville of 18 flounder taken off the Pt. Lookout pier on outgoing tide. Six additional fish were returned to grow up. Fri., Sat., and Sun. saw very good catches at the cement block and Duck Point and Reynolds, fish to 2 lbs. Friday Magnolia Pier produced very well on worm, mussel and a lot of chum, but things were off there Saturday.

At **Long Beach Sports Marina** the word from Bernie is that some flounder were taken by a couple of their rental boats at buoy 35 and in the area of Magnolia Pier and that the fishing is off and running.

We hear from Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in **Atlantic Beach** that anglers are still getting flounder at the creeks leading into Woodmere Bay, the area of the Magnolia Pier and Reynolds buoy 5. Fish are running up to 1½ lbs. and are hitting on both tides on worm and mussel.

NEW YORK BIGHT

We learned from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Rockaway** that floundering was very good Friday, Saturday, Sunday right through the time this report was given Monday morning from Bay Park through Swift Creek on fish to 2 lbs. on mussel, worm and clam chum. Two other hotspots have been Hog Channel and Duck Point. Best catch Skip heard of for the weekend was two anglers with 73 good keepers. The fish, said Skip, are spread out. One customer fishing from the beach at Bay Park had 36 flounder.

From the **Jamaica Bay** area, **Cross ay Bait and Tackle** advised that off both bridges, people are picking away nicely at flounder with worms working just fine.

To the West in **Sheepshead Bay**, Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** told of Wednesday's fishing in the Navesink over in Jersey. Only one drop was needed for the entire day and there were catches into the 40s per man, then it was a race to beat the storm. Saturday and Sunday the boat worked the Navesink River over in Jersey with some fares catching into the 30s both Saturday and Sunday. Bob said the word is "consistency." There are some throwbacks but fish are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. Big fish of the week was a 2½ lber., and he has not had a bad day yet this season, and he expects things to get only better

with some steady weather.

A call from the open boat **Zephyr** told of excellent floundering Tuesday in the Navesink River. The boat worked Saturday in the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers in the AM and things were particularly good at the turn of the tide. In the PM, catches got red hot. Herb, a regular, had 60 keepers to 1½ lbs. and all fares were catching. Sunday the boat fished at the junction of the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers. Catches were great said Capt. Butch and there were many doubles. Larry Aiola had 65 to 2¼ lbs., while Fred C had 70 to 2 lbs. The day was truly excellent fish-wise, with worms accounting for the larger fish, which ran from 1/2 to 2 lbs.

Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** across from the Sheepshead fleet could only tell of very good flounder catches and large fish at that from 1½ to 2 lbs. for boats fishing Jersey's Navesink River and Sandy Hook's Leonardo Pier. Silver Hole in Jamaica Bay was a good local hotspot. Worms have been working best on corn rigs.

Across the water in **Staten Island**, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** told of Great Kills Park, Annandale and Princess Bay as best areas for flounder this past week from the shore on sand and bloods. The fish which are there, though not plentifully, are running from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. on the flood.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

Overcast skies and the cooling effects of steady northwesterlies put a damper on flatfishing in some locations, but warmer waters in the western Sound continue to produce consistently. Most sources feel that the season is about 10 days or two weeks behind, with Hemstead Harbor at 45 degrees and Peconic Bay around 43 degrees over the weekend.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** felt that fishing improved last week and described flounder to 1½ pounds around the Casino. Mamaroneck is producing fish to ¾ pound, and the New Rochelle shores also have fish which are on the small side.

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** said that there were plenty of flatties in the lagoon with sand and bloodworms producing most catches. Local party craft were still concentrating on Oyster Bay.

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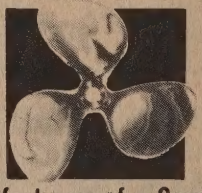

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flounder were everywhere and that the beaches were yielding results at least as good as those shown by the few boats that were fishing. Hempstead Harbor was productive around its mouth and around the power plant as well. Although Pryble Pier is broken, the area is still good for flatties, and both Morgan's and Dosoris Pond were worth trying. Sandworms and clams were preferred baits.

Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** told us that Oyster Bay was hot enough for one-drop fishing on Saturday and Sunday. Trememdous numbers of flounder were available with 3:1 throwback-keeper ratios. Dom Cerbone, Jr. of the **Apache** said that taking 40-60 fish per rod on a good day was no trouble in 15-20' of water in Oyster Bay. A few large fish over two pounds won weekend pools. The **Klondike VIII** from **New Rochelle** probed the flounder in Northport and Oyster Bay, but Pete Pearson also took time to explore Bayville and Matinecock for some larger fish and found a pick outside.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ellen at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** called in the first report of blackfish taken from the warm water discharge around the Lilco Northport plant. Flounder fishermen in the area were concentrating on Northport Bay and Mill Dam, Centerport. George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** told us that most fishermen were finding small and good-sized flatties around bays and docks with a few fish to one pound. Lloyds, Northport, and Huntington Bay had ½ to ¾ pound flatties. Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** told us that Lee Allen had an outstanding catch of flounder to 1¼ pounds from Huntington Bay. The kids fishing from the dock behind the firehouse had plenty of action too. Crescent Beach and Duck Harbor were worth trying with a chum pot and some patience.

Bowman's at **Northport** said that there were no boats in the water yet but that the docks, bays and harbors were all producing flounder on worms, red clams and mussels.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** at **Port Jefferson** had its boat all ready with a number out on the weekend. The Setauket Channel, the Conscience Bay Channel, and MacAllis' Cove were the best bets locally with large numbers of fat, meaty fish available. Some of the largest flounder would push 1½ pounds. The trick for the best catches was to "chum and be choosy." Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** told us that most of the local youngsters were catching their flounder from the Port Jefferson pier and that the large boats were tucked into Seatauket Harbor.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in **Mount**

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Billy Collins told us that the **Ever Ready** should be ready in two weeks when she will start the season on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday schedule.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** said that there was decent flounder fishing around the mouth of the Peconic River. Fish there were small but plentiful on Saturday.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** told us that Nassau Point had just begun to produce for some of the sharpies who knew how to fish the tides. Richie Lester and George Adinolfi had a spectacular catch of 41 fish to 2¾ pounds on Saturday. Incoming water was somewhat better, but the pick was slow and steady all day. Dom DeRanieri had roughly the same number of fish earlier in the week. Gasper Teri and his son Gasper, Jr. had 31 flats to 3 pounds south of Nassau Point on Sunday.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** had a few private boats out over the weekend, but action in typical spots like Cedar Beach Point, East Marion, South Ferry, Smith Cove, and Conklin Point was slow. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that there was a short burst of actoin near the Greenport dolphins on Sunday. He also saw a good catch from shore fishermen near the Gull Pond bulkhead.

Larry Ciccotto called to say that the **Prime Time** will be opening her season at month's end, on the weekend of April 28. George Porter of the **Brand X** described Sunday as "slow" with the cloudy skies and steady, strong northwesterlies. Although Porter fished all over, there were but 8-10 "nice" fish mixed with many smaller flatties. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** explained that the water temperature on Sunday dropped to 43 degrees. Whereas a group of eight had 120 fish on Saturday, a crowd of 10 anglers on Sunday had only 38, mostly from Sag Harbor. The average fish was about a pound. The **Peconic Star** worked around Dering Harbor over the weekend and managed to average about a dozen fish per man. Hi-hook was Phil Cord with 17 fish.

High Tide Tables

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SAT.	6:25	6:55	7:15	7:40	7:00	7:25	7:55	8:20	10:10	10:30	9:45	10:10	6:20	6:40	4/14
SUN.	7:15	7:40	8:05	8:25	7:50	8:15	8:45	9:05	11:00	11:15	10:40	10:55	7:05	7:30	4/15
MON.	8:00	8:25	8:50	9:10	8:40	9:00	9:35	9:50	11:50	—	11:30	11:45	7:55	8:15	4/16
TUES.	8:45	9:10	9:40	10:00	9:30	9:50	10:25	10:40	12:00	12:35	—	12:20	8:45	9:05	4/17
WED.	9:35	10:00	10:25	10:45	10:20	10:45	11:15	11:30	12:45	1:25	12:35	1:05	9:30	9:50	4/18
THURS.	10:25	10:50	11:15	11:35	11:15	11:35	—	12:05	1:30	2:20	1:25	2:00	10:20	10:45	4/19

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Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
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SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
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Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	4/12	5:25	6:38
FRI.	4/13	5:23	6:39
SAT.	4/14	5:21	6:40
SUN.	4/15	5:19	6:41
MON.	4/16	5:18	6:43
TUE.	4/17	5:17	6:44
WED.	4/18	5:15	6:45

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	4/12	2:49PM	3:57AM
FRI.	4/13	4:06PM	4:28AM
SAT.	4/14	5:23PM	4:57AM
SUN.	4/15	6:39PM	5:25AM
MON.	4/16	7:54PM	5:54AM
TUE.	4/17	9:09PM	5:34AM
WED.	4/18	10:21PM	7:02AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
4/1	4/9	4/15	4/23

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:50	**7:55**	2:05	**8:25**
Fri.	2:40	**8:45**	2:55	**9:10**
Sat.	3:25	**9:35**	3:45	**10:00**
Sun.	4:15	**10:20**	4:30	**10:45**
Mon.	5:00	**11:15**	5:25	**11:40**
Tues.	5:55	—	6:30	**12:15**
Wed.	6:50	**12:45**	7:15	**1:10**
Thurs.	7:55	**1:40**	8:30	**2:15**

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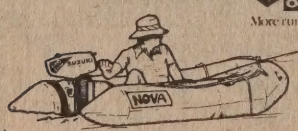

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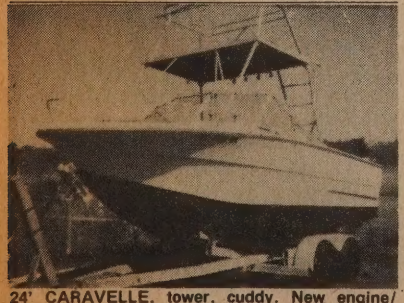

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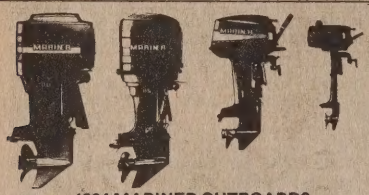

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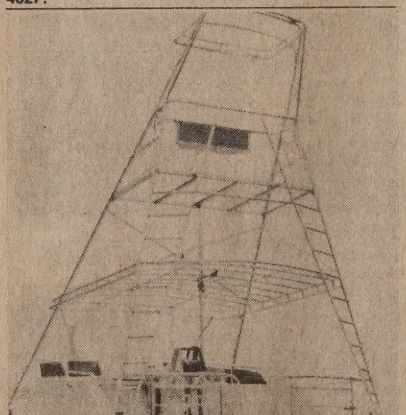

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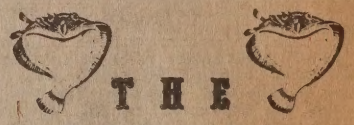

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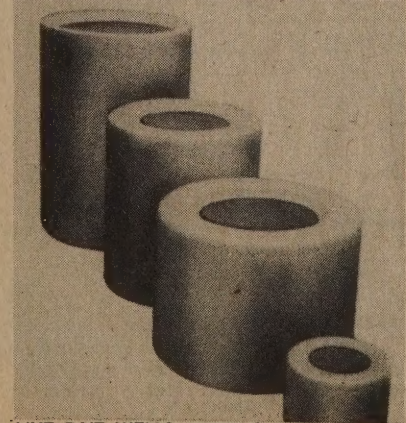

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